

# NINE ARE KILLED IN CHICAGO SKID ROW FIRE

## Senate Stalls Drive to Junk Flexible Prices

Measure to Restore  
High Farm Supports  
Passes House, 206-201

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Democratic drive to junk the administration's program of flexible farm price supports appeared stalled in the Senate today after squeaking through the House by five votes.

Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) said he doubted that the bill, if put to a vote, could win approval of either the Senate Agriculture committee or the Senate itself.

The consensus among senators was that the Senate fight over the bill would be put off until next year.

The bill, which would restore rigid high price supports for five basic crops, cleared the House Thursday by a 206-201 vote after a three-day battle. It was a partisan fight. Only 29 Democrats and 21 Republicans crossed party lines on the final vote.

### Election Year Issue

Ellender said he is inclined to favor doing nothing about Senate action on the bill because of the strong opposition and because he has heard no great clamor from farmers demanding action. He said his committee would make a decision on that May 18.

Although Ellender did not say so, Democratic leaders in the Senate had figured all along that the best strategy is to put off a showdown fight over administration farm policies until the 1956 election year.

They figure chances for Senate approval of the rigid support bill—admittedly dim now—will be better after flexible supports have been tried for 1955 crops. Moreover, President Eisenhower is almost certain to veto the bill anyway. Democrats figure any political advantage would be heightened by timing the veto near the opening of the 1956 presidential campaign.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson denounced the House action as a "backwash step."

### Benson Still Confident

But he said he still is confident flexible supports will go into operation as scheduled on this year's crops of wheat, corn, cotton, peanuts and rice.

The bill would restore mandatory price supports at 90 per cent of parity. Benson already has lowered 1955-crop supports for wheat to 82 1/2 per cent, the minimum permitted this year under the flexible law. He has reduced corn price supports to 87 per cent.

He has continued 90 per cent supports for cotton and has indicated peanuts and rice will be pegged at or near that level.

Under the flexible law, supports could drop as low as 75 per cent of parity next year. Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices in relation to prices farmers pay for things they buy.

## \$3 Million Blaze At Hammond

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP)—Firemen poured streams of water into a burning warehouse today as they fought to end a two-day blaze which roared through a crowded Hammond factory district and caused more than three million dollars damage.

The fire fighters still hoped to save a six-story Great Lakes warehouse, although smoke poured from the upper two floors of the building. A nearby four-story warehouse owned by the same company was in flames and was given up for lost.

The blaze mushroomed from a rubbish fire Thursday when gusty winds whipped a burning cardboard carton under a warehouse loading platform.

In addition to the Great Lakes buildings, the American Chemical Service Co. plant was considered a total loss and buildings owned by the Pratt Food Co. and the John H. Brehm Fuel Oil Co. were spared.

Explosions which could be heard for miles and flames leaping 300 feet into the air punctuated the holocaust. Four firemen were hospitalized with injuries.

Meanwhile, five persons were killed in two other Midwest disasters.

High winds at Columbia City, Ind., fanned a one-million-dollar flash fire through the Whitley Products Co. building. Three men were killed and seven others were injured as they tried to flee the flames.

An explosion, blamed on a blow torch, shook the Iowa Ordnance plant at Burlington and two men were killed.

## Senate Approves Funds for Devil's Kitchen Dam, Coal, Forest Pilot Plants

WASHINGTON—The U. S. Senate yesterday approved the Interior department appropriations bill containing funds of special interest to Illinois, including a coal pilot plant.

The funds include money for the forest research pilot plant at Carbondale, \$1,000,000 for Devil's Kitchen lake dam and \$2,500,000 for a pilot plant for research on distillation of coal.

The first research project already is showing dividends as indicated by the expanded use of native red oak on state projects.

Senator Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.) hailed as a great boost to the economy of southern Illinois the million dollar appropriation for the dam, which he said he and Rep. Kenneth J. Gray (D-Ill.) initially proposed in the appropriations committee and which Douglas supported on the Senate floor.

"Today's favorable action by the

entire senate in approving the million dollar appropriation brings Devil's Kitchen lake closer to a reality," he said. "The matter now goes to house conference and with approval on that level the lake will rapidly become a reality."

Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen (R-Ill.) pointed out that the amendment for \$1,000,000 for Devil's Kitchen dam was sponsored in subcommittee by him and by Senator Clements of Kentucky.

Dirksen also said they co-operated on the pilot plant project for coal distillation to determine the commercial feasibility of distilling coal and using resulting char for fusing low grade iron ores and resultant heavy oil for industrial and commercial purposes. Senator Dirksen was designated as one of the conferees to help pilot the measure through conference committee of the house and senate.

## Chemical Treatment of Cancer Described at Science Meeting

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP)—Treatment of cancer with a compound of mercury and indigosulfonate has resulted in several apparent cures of terminal cases, Dr. James E. Davis, Chicago, said today.

Davis reported on the use of the chemical in 27 cancer cases at the Bernard Foundation for Medical Research in Chicago. He presented the report at the annual meeting of the Illinois Academy of Science here.

One lip cancer, four rectal cases and one bone cancer were benefited by the chemicals and most of them would be "considered cured on the basis of generally accepted standards," Davis said.

He said one rectal case was an 89-year-old man who received treatment with the mercury-indigosulfonate compound for six months and now is "approaching 89 without a recurrence of the malignancy."

### Safe Dosages Determined

Davis said a 59-year-old woman who received X-ray treatment to the limit of tolerance for a bone cancer without improvement was given chemotherapy with the compound after amputation of the leg

was advised. After nine months, she walked without crutch or cane and the disease has not recurred, Davis said.

The Chicago doctor said experimental work with the compound began on mice and was started on humans after determining safe dosages. Davis said the possibility of mercury poisoning through the treatment is extremely remote and the "compound as a whole may be considered non-toxic."

More than 100 scientific papers were prepared for presentation at the academy's 48th annual meeting at Southern Illinois University.

Some of the other papers reported on:

**Tuberculosis:** Dr. Ben C. Sher, Chicago Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium, reported that moderate protection against tuberculosis infection can be obtained by use of drugs. Sher said experiments with guinea pigs infected with TB showed the use of isoniazid as an anti-TB drug prolonged the animals' lives considerably.

He warned, however, that experiments show the treatment does not eradicate TB but merely suppressed it.

**Water:** A. M. Buswell, director of the Illinois State Water Survey, reported that a long-term study of the frequency and effect of droughts is underway. He said the survey is using radar to compile information on Illinois' water resources and stepped up studies of sedimentation and resulting silting in municipal reservoirs.

**Delinquency:** A maladjusted person does not become a criminal overnight but progresses toward criminal behavior through a series of steps if the maladjustment is not checked.

Alexander P. Szatkowski of the Chicago College of Osteopathy reported that statistics show that of every 100 persons, 1 will be delinquent, 4 will be mentally ill and 3 will be handicapped. He blamed maladjustment among school children on these factors:

Poor home conditions, increases in alcoholism and divorce, bad companions, feelings of insecurity, failure in school, intolerance, poor recreational facilities and thwarting of desires.

### Building New Home

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Price are building a new home at Church and South Granger streets, adjacent to the Bert Scribner property. The house will be a six room one story brick structure. Work is being done by the Castellano Construction Co. of Marion.

## Miss Avah Phillips Selected by Legion Auxiliary to Attend Illini Girls' State

Miss Avah Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brose Phillips and a junior at the Harrisburg Township high school, has been selected by the American Legion Auxiliary No. 167, George Hart Post, to attend Illini Girls' State.

Mrs. Paul Golish, president of this unit, explains Illini Girls' State as a mythical State located on MacMurray college campus in Jacksonville, Ill., patterned after the State Government in Illinois. This 15th annual session of Girls' State will be held from June 21 to 29.

Attending will be 432 girls. They must be physically fit and have high scholastic rating. They must possess the qualities of leadership, good character and honesty and cooperation with their classmates. Girls attending Girls' State are called "citizens." They create a governmental unit of the State, elect their own officials and conduct the affairs of government. They exemplify the two-party system. The two parties there are called the "Federalists" and the "Nationalists." They are taught the function of political parties in national life.

On Sunday mornings the girls will attend the church of their respective denomination and in the afternoon open house will be held for the relatives of the "citizens." Parents and other relatives attend and listen to the girls "in action."

## Group Votes to Cut Interest on Disaster Loans

Committee Acts  
As Both Parties  
Denounce Ag Dep't

### By United Press

A Senate agriculture subcommittee voted unanimously today to cut the interest rate on farm disaster loans from 5 to 3 per cent.

The Agriculture Department hiked the rate from 3 to 5 per cent last January but made no public mention of its action until it came to light last month.

The subcommittee acted after members of both parties denounced the department's action. The American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Grange, and the National Farmers Union all urged restoration of the lower rate.

Meanwhile, a House-approved bill to junk the administration's flexible farm price support system and restore high rigid supports appeared doomed.

The White House reiterated administration opposition to the fixed system approved by the House. A spokesman for President Eisenhower said he still believes his flexible system, adopted last year, should be given a trial.

### Other congressional news:

**Foreign Aid:** Foreign aid chief Harold E. Stassen said money spent for military help to friendly nations will buy far more defense than the same amount spent on U. S. forces. He asked the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to approve President Eisenhower's \$3,530,000,000 foreign aid program for fiscal 1956.

**Cutback:** President Eisenhower asked Congress to cut down appropriations he had asked for conservation and power projects.

**Pensions:** A bill to give Harry S. Truman, Herbert Hoover and all future ex-presidents a \$22,500-a-year pension and clerical help sailed through the Senate Thursday with little debate. Chairman Tom Murray (D-Tenn.) of the House Civil Service Committee predicted quick action on the measure by the House also.

**Air Research:** The Senate approved a bill authorizing \$13,300,000 for the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics to conduct research which may lead to atomic-powered planes and intercontinental missiles which can travel 18 times the speed of sound.

## Woman Dies at 88, Leaves 150 Descendants

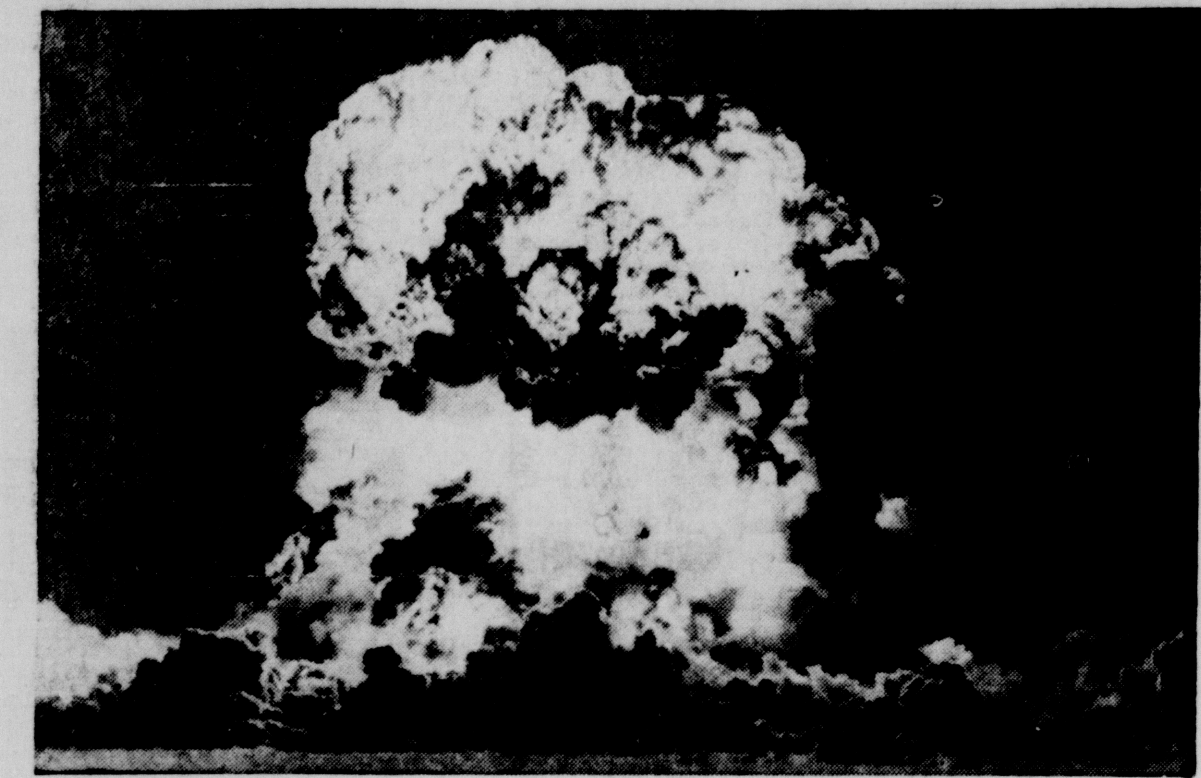
CANTON, Ill. (AP)—Mrs. Annie Engle Farwell Linebaugh died in Graham hospital Thursday survived by 150 descendants. She was 88.

Twice married, Mrs. Linebaugh left 6 children, 42 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren and 24 great-great-grandchildren.

## Methodist Story Presented Today in The Daily Register

Today, in sections two and three, The Daily Register, through the cooperation of several business firms, presents The Methodist Story.

Persons who have ordered additional copies of today's issue should pick them up at The Register office tomorrow. If they are to be mailed by The Register, addresses should be supplied immediately.



OPERATION CUE FINALLY GOES—The atomic fireball of much-postponed "Operation Cue" spreads across the desert floor and reaches out toward Survival Town. Three of the houses used in the Federal Civil Defense test can be seen as very small images at the lower right. Other Civil Defense installations can be seen as small dots along the base of the fireball. This photo was made from seven and a half miles away from the site. (NEA Telephoto)

## American Forces, Dependents Now Guests in Germany

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—American GIs, officers and their dependents were "guests" in West Germany today.

They are expected to observe German laws and are not here "to ram democracy down the throats of the population," the former occupation forces and their families were told.

The American forces network, a branch of the U. S. armed forces information and education division, spelled out what the birth of West German sovereignty means to Americans in Germany.

"All military personnel, non-German employees of the U. S. armed forces and non-German dependents now will be designated 'members of the forces,'" the broadcast told an estimated 400,000 Americans in Germany.

The forces, the radio said, are no longer occupiers but guests of the German Federal Republic.

## Police Chief Asks Motorists to Slow Down Driving

Chief of Police Ross Lane today urged motorists to slow down their driving, especially on the unpaved streets of the city where much dust is stirred up at present by automobiles.

He said he had received complaints, chiefly about teen-agers, who are driving too fast on dirt streets and creating large amounts of dust.

Lane urged teen-agers to have respect for the people who live on these dirt streets by holding down their speeds and asked parents to do what they can to curb the speeds of their motoring children.

"We don't want to give out any traffic tickets," he said, but if the speeds on the city streets persist, we will have to do it."

Lane also said he had received complaints of boys shooting song birds with air rifles and declared this must stop. He said a city ordinance provides a fine for shooting air rifles within the city limits.

## Registration for Kindergarten May 13 At Carrier Mills

Delbert Waller, superintendent of the Carrier Mills public schools, announced today that kindergarten registration will be held Friday, May 13, from 8:45 a. m. to 3 p. m. Children who will be five years old by Jan. 1, 1956, will be eligible to register for kindergarten to begin in September.

He also urged that all children who will enter the first grade who are not in kindergarten now, also register on that day.

Parents are asked to bring birth certificates of the children for the registration.

## Employment for April Rises to Highest Level

WASHINGTON (AP)—The number of employed persons in April rose to the highest level ever recorded for the month, the government reported today.

The number of employed in April was 61,700,000. It was an increase of 1,200,000 employed over March. At the same time, unemployment dropped by 200,000 to a level of 2,926,000, the Commerce and Labor departments reported.

The April increase in employment was the second consecutive monthly increase following six months of decline.

## Falling Debris, Radiation Fatal Within Mile of Atomic Blast

SURVIVAL CITY, Nev. (AP)—Harold Goodwin, atomic test chief of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, said today that falling debris and radiation would have killed all residents of Survival Town within one mile of Thursday's powerful atomic explosion.

Goodwin made the statement during a Survival Town tour by newsmen and Civil Defense officials this morning, after conferring with official damage survey teams which since Thursday have been appraising the havoc wrought by the detonation of a nuclear device half again as powerful as the A-bombs that shattered Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

He said all residents of Main Street would have received a lethal dose of radiation. Even without that lingering death, everyone within one mile of the 500-foot tower where the detonation took place probably would have been killed by flying or falling debris, he said.

### Like A Tornado

Farther out from ground zero, the primary injuries would have been ruptured ear drums, he said, caused by the terrific force of the explosion which creates a virtual vacuum in the air.

Evidence was everywhere that survival was possible outside that one-mile ring for families living in the right kind of house with the right kind of shelters to duck into at the first alert of an enemy attack.

Main street looked like it had been struck by a nature-brewed super-tornado instead of a man-made atomic device.

Three of the five houses on the one-mile mark were reduced to rubble by the explosion, which packed a kick equal to 35,000 tons of TNT. These were the wrong kind of homes for residents who expect to survive atomic attack. They were either frame or brick-faced dwellings.

They didn't stand a chance. Shelter of Some Sort

The houses that survived the same distance from the blast were constructed of lightweight reinforced cinder block and pre-cast light-

weight concrete. Both types suffered only minor structural damage.

But even in the right kind of house, it was apparent that survival depended on shelters of some sort — lean-to against the wall, heavy timber boxes in the corners of basements. Even a heavy table top propped against a basement wall helped some to ward off the debris that becomes lethal when it drops with a crushing force or flies through the air with the speed of a missile.

The lessons learned here in the first American community to be subjected to a full-scale atomic attack will be put into practice to improve the protection of American cities that could be targets of an enemy nuclear attack.

## Former Local Woman is Hurt, 3 Children Killed

Mrs. Barbara Barnhart, wife of Roger Barnhart, Springfield, Ohio, the former Barbara Hunter of Harrisburg, was injured and three of her children were killed Wednesday, in an automobile accident at Urbana, Ohio. A fourth child had a fractured skull.

Mrs. Barnhart, the daughter of Mrs. Fannie Hunter, who lives on South Granger street, and the late Robert Hunter, had picked the children up after school to take them to a circus. As she topped a hill on which was a bridge, a large tractor loomed just ahead of her.

To avoid crashing into the tractor on the narrow bridge, she swerved her car and skidded on gravel, her car going over an eight foot embankment.

The children killed were Billie, 9, Gerald, 7, and Vivian, 4. Robert, 3, has the head injury. Mrs. Barnhart had a broken jaw, and head injuries and was suffering from loss of blood following the accident.

Her mother and an aunt, Mrs. Cad Stump, were called to her bedside. When Mrs. Stump came home yesterday, Mrs. Barnhart had received several blood transfusions and had not been told of the death of her children.

Mrs. Stump was called home by the death of an aunt, Mrs. Edgar Hamilton, Paducah, whose funeral will be held at Paducah, Saturday, which is also the date of the burial of the Barnhart children in Springfield, Ohio.

Last Feb. 13 a fire at the Barton Hotel, another West Madison Street flophouse, claimed 29 lives. In April another fire swept through a hotel for transients and five persons were killed.

A Skid Row habitue, watching today's blaze, commented "It's getting so you have to sleep with your shoes on in Chicago."

## Harrison Willis Dies at Eldorado

Harrison Willis, 79, a retired coal miner and farmer who resided at 1113 Scott street, Eldorado, died in the Pearce hospital yesterday at 11:55 a. m. where he had been for the past three weeks.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha; a daughter, Mrs. George Skelton, Eldorado, and a son, Albert Willis, Elmhurst, secretary of the Illinois State High School Association; four stepchildren, Earl Reeder, Detroit, Mich., Freeman Reeder, Eldorado, Everett Reeder, New Burnside, and Mrs. Chloe Robertson, Eldorado; and three sisters, Mrs. Martha Hall, New Madrid, Mo., Mrs. May Mott, Redondo Beach, Calif., Mrs. Minnie Morris, St. Louis, Mo.

The body lies in state at the Bean and Tanner funeral home at which place services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. Burial will be in the Lindale Memorial Gardens.

## 12 are Injured In 10-Minute Flophouse Blaze

Believe Many of  
Dead Men Were  
Overcome by Liquor

CHICAGO (AP)—A flash fire raced through the lobby and squalid cubicles of a Skid Row "flophouse" early today, snuffing out lives in just 10 minutes.

Deputy Coroner Harry Glos said at least nine men were known dead and 12 were injured, two critically. A search was launched to discover whether more persons were trapped and killed in the flaming hotel.

The blaze flared suddenly and trapped the victims as they sat sleeping on benches in the Comfort Hotel's second floor lobby and in the tiny cubicles which served as bedrooms.

In a matter of seconds flames shot from the windows and enveloped the narrow, five-story building at 919 West Madison Street.

Massed fire-fighting equipment roared down tawdry West Madison Street almost immediately and the fire was out 10 minutes later. But the blaze had raged long enough to sear and suffocate the victims.

### Overcome By Liquor

Officials said many of the dead men might have been so overcome by liquor that they never woke up when the fire broke out.

From 75 to 100 inmates escaped, rushing down the front stairway or down a fire escape at the back of the building. Many of them wore the traditional pajamas of Skid Row—long underwear.

Al Reese, 50, the hotel's night clerk, said he was sleeping at his desk in the hotel's lobby when the flames roared up. He fought his way through the smoke to safety, unaware that men were dying only a few feet away.

Another clerk, 79-year-old James A. Casey, was also sleeping when the fire broke out. Flames and smoke backed him from the fire escape. He and another roomer were eventually rescued by firemen on ladders.

John Bertram, 64, one of the men who escaped from the second floor cubicles, had a hole burned through his underwear at his chest. "I almost didn't make it," he gaped.

### Cause Unknown

The cause of the fire was not known immediately, but officials believed it might have flared from a cigarette which fell from the hand of an intoxicated man when he fell asleep on one of the lobby benches.

Chief Fire Marshall Albert Peterson said two of the dead men were found sitting on the benches. They apparently had passed out from liquor, he said.

All of the victims were believed to have perished from suffocation. Most of the dead men were found in tiny cubicles, separated by wrought iron shields, on the second floor. The cubicles were only big enough for a cot and a chair.

### Damage Light

The fire was confined to the second floor, although smoke spiraled through the three floors above. Firemen quickly brought the fire under control and Peterson estimated the damage to the building at only \$5,000.

The blaze was the latest in a series of death-dealing fires which have flared up in Chicago.

Only last Thursday, fires in a Near North Side hotel and tenement killed 12 persons. The hotel fire was touched off by an arsonist.

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## Death Takes Albert 'Shug' Daniel

Albert "Shug" Daniel died at 2:20 a. m. today at the Lightner Hospital. His body was received by the Keathly funeral home. No arrangements for funeral services have been made today.

## The Weather

ILLINOIS: Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday with showers and thunderstorms ending north Saturday morning and south late Saturday or Saturday night. Saturday cooler north and west. Low tonight 66-72 south. High Saturday 75-85 south.

### LOCAL TEMPERATURE

Thursday	Friday
3 p. m. .... 87	3 a. m. .... 63
6 p. m. .... 84	6 a. m. .... 60
9 p. m. .... 75	9 a. m. .... 70
12 mid. .... 67	12 noon .... 78



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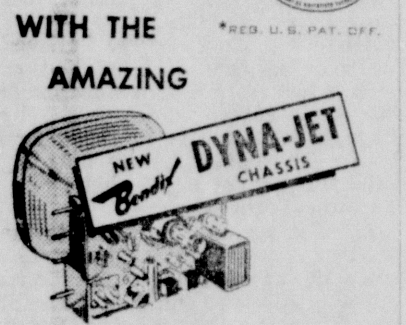
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Who forgiveth all thine iniquities.  
—Psalm 103:3.  
Who of us does not fail of per-  
fection because of selfishness,  
pride, envy, egotism or by some  
gross neglect in facing an oppor-  
tunity to help some one who needs  
our help?

**Sings in Chorus**  
Jane Rice, daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. O. D. Rice, Harrisburg, is in  
the chorus for the spring opera,  
"Die Fledermaus," (The Bat) by  
Johann Strauss, to be given Thurs-  
day and Friday, May 5 and 6, at  
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By DREW PEARSON

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Jokes About Puerto Rican As-  
sassins; Pakistan Premier  
Helped Persuade Dulles To  
Reverse Formosan Ceasefire  
Policy; Premier Chou Says Al-  
lied Embargo Is Hurting.

WASHINGTON. — Gov. Luis  
Muñoz Marín, first Puerto Rican  
ever elected governor of Puerto  
Rico, and the best governor the  
island has ever known, was con-  
fering with President Eisen-  
hower regarding various Caribbean  
problems. Among other things  
he doesn't want too high a mini-  
mum wage fixed for Puerto Rico  
and pointed out that the present  
average wage in the island — 58  
cents an hour — is higher than the  
minimum wage in England,  
France and Italy.

He also urged President Eisen-  
hower to help set up a Caribbean  
commission including every Brit-  
ish, Dutch and French possession  
in the Caribbean as well as Puerto  
Rico and the Virgin Islands, in or-  
der to secure better cultural and  
economic cooperation in that area.  
The President was sympathetic  
to both ideas. During the confer-  
ence they got to talking about the  
Puerto Rican Nationalists who had  
attempted to assassinate President  
Truman and had shot several con-  
gressmen.

"I was driving through New  
York," remarked the President,  
"when a friend pointed out a  
building which he said was the  
headquarters of the Puerto Rican  
Nationalists."

"That must have been the

jail," replied Governor Muñoz,  
"because all I know are in jail."  
"I don't see why they should  
want to shoot me," continued Eis-  
enhower jokingly. "I have an-  
nounced that I was for indepen-  
dence if Puerto Rico wants inde-  
pendence. You're the man they  
should shoot, not me."

They've already tried," re-  
plied the governor, a little rueful-  
ly, doubtless having in mind the  
occasion when the Nationalists  
stormed his home about a year  
ago.

Note — Governor Muñoz Marín  
is getting excellent cooperation  
from both President Eisenhower  
and Secretary of the Interior Mc-  
Kay in handling Puerto Rican  
problems.

**BEHIND FORMOSA SWITCH**

Here's the inside story of how  
the State Department issued a  
statement one day that the USA  
would not discuss a cease-fire with  
Red China without Chiang Kai-  
Shek; then three days later said we  
would discuss a cease-fire with-  
out Chiang Kai-Shek.

This was not a major snafu per-  
petrated by a minor State Depart-  
ment official. Nor was it entirely  
the fault of Herbert Hoover, Jr.,  
the undersecretary of state who  
originated the first statement. He  
phoned a copy to Gettysburg, talk-  
ed to the President about an hour  
on the phone.

Later, two things happened.  
First, Senator George of Georgia  
got a tremendous ovation when he  
told the American Society of News-  
paper editors that we should talk  
to the Red Chinese about peace  
no matter what the circumstances.  
White House staff members, al-  
ways sensitive to public opinion,  
were present. Impressed by the  
ovation, they reported it to Ike.

Second, the State Department re-  
ceived a four-page confidential  
cablegram from Premier Moham-  
med Ali of Pakistan, who visited  
this country last year, is a good  
friend of the USA.

**ALI VS. NEHRU**

At the Bandung conference, Red  
China's tough-talking Premier  
Chou En-Lai had two conferences  
with the two rival leaders of what  
was once British India, now are  
Pakistan and India.

According to the secret cabled  
reports of U. S. diplomats, Chou's  
talk with idealistic Premier Nehru  
was a flop. Nehru tried to be the  
peacemaker of Asia, but got cold-  
shouldered.

Though Nehru wanted the Red  
Chinese leader to guarantee the  
neutrality of all non-Communist  
Viet-Nam, Chou would guarantee  
only the small and unimportant  
states of Laos and Cambodia. Im-  
plication was the Reds would pene-  
trate the rest of Indo-China —  
namely, the much richer, more  
powerful Viet-Nam now under-  
going revolt.

Premier Nehru finally left the  
Chou conference peeved and dis-  
appointed.

With Nehru's rival, Premier  
Mohammed Ali of Pakistan, Chou  
was more cooperative. Perhaps  
he was deliberately wooing the  
more belligerent, more pro-Ameri-  
can Moslem nation; playing it off

against passive, neutral Hindu In-  
dia.

Anyway he told Mohammed Ali,  
according to the four-page cable  
Ali sent Dulles, that Red China  
wants the two offshore islands of  
Quemoy and Matsu as the price for  
a cease-fire in the Formosa Strait.  
Ali also reported he was convin-  
ced Red China really wants to end  
the Formosa crisis. He said Chou  
complained the Allied blockade of  
China is keeping his country from  
buying strategic materials and he  
indicated that this ban would have  
to be lifted before he agreed to a  
cease-fire.

It was after the receipt of this  
four-page cable from Premier Mo-  
hammed Ali that Dulles advised  
Ike that the original Eisenhower  
policy of insisting that Chiang  
Kai-Shek sit in on any cease-fire  
talks be reversed—regardless of  
the ire of Senator Knowland of  
California.

### Phyllis Fodor Wins Bookkeeping Contest at HTHS



Phyllis Fodor

Phyllis Fodor is the winner of  
the Bookkeeping contest at the  
Harrisburg Township high school  
held April 21 under the supervision  
of Mrs. Guy Hunter.

Dixie Endsley, daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. John Endsley, received  
second place in the contest, and  
Jo Cathcart, received third place.  
Phyllis will receive as an award a  
gold pin and her name will be  
placed on a plaque in the front  
corridor. The second place win-  
ner, Dixie Endsley, will receive a  
silver pin as an award. All the  
students taking bookkeeping at  
HTHS entered the contest.

The three winners are seniors  
and this is their first year to take  
bookkeeping. Mrs. Guy Hunter is  
the Bookkeeping instructor at  
HTHS.

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more than two billion pounds of  
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the nation.

## Galatia Register

Mrs. Edna Jones  
Representative

Mrs. Nellie Vaughn and Mrs.  
Marjorie Nelson of Harrisburg and  
Mrs. Marjorie Shelton, Galatia, at-  
tended the hair styling show at  
Evansville Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Jones, Mr.  
and Mrs. Jim Miner, Mrs. Car-  
lyn Mansfield and children, Mrs.  
Dolly Upchurch and children, and  
Edna Jones enjoyed an all day  
picnic at the Harker Miley farm  
south of Harrisburg Sunday.  
Mrs. Iva Groce, Eldorado, and  
Guy Batton of Ohio visited at the  
A. O. Hill home Thursday.

Word has been received that  
Mrs. Anna Butler, formerly Anna  
Ragsdale of Galatia, is in a critical  
condition following an automobile  
wreck in Arizona.



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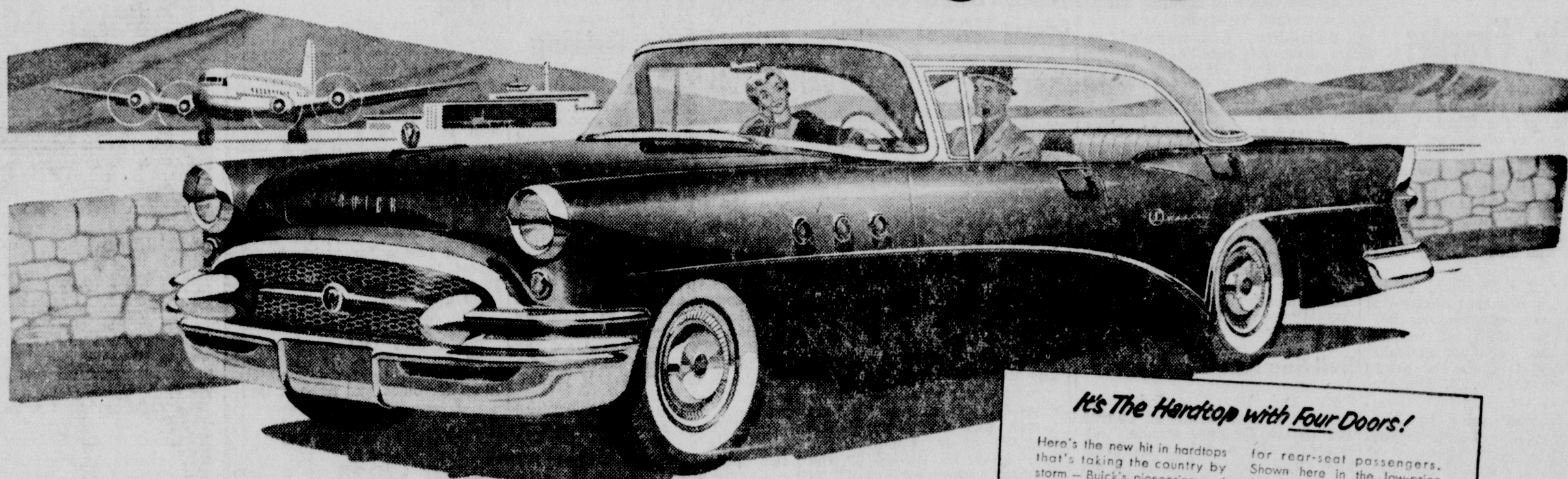
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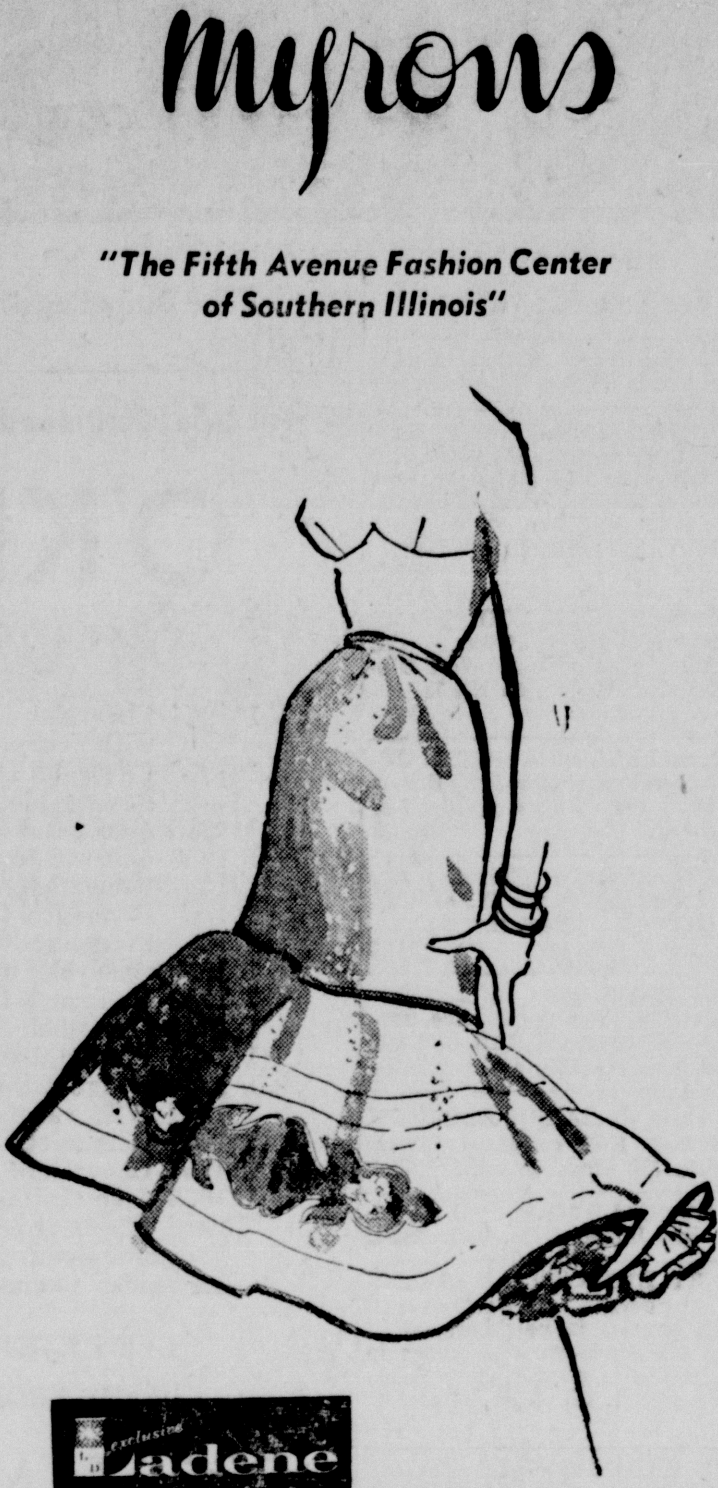
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**Society**

**Ledford Baptist Golden Circle Holds Meeting**

The Golden Circle Bible class of the Ledford Baptist church met May 2 at the home of Ethel Lynch.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bernice Maddox and with the song "Higher Ground." After prayer by Marianna Carrier the song "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" was sung.

Roll call was answered with a scripture verse. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was heard.

Following scripture reading, Hebrews 11, by Verna Lynch, the meeting was dismissed with prayer by Agnes King.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Guy Lynch on June 6.

Others present were Grace Riley and daughter, Hallie Waltz, Clara Evans, Nell Hancock, Linda Carrier and Kenneth Audie Carrier.

**Delta Theta Tau Second Alumni Chapter Installs Officers**

Delta Theta Tau Second Alumni chapter met at the home of Mrs. Charles Skaggs Thursday evening for the annual installation of officers.

Installed in an impressive candlelight ceremony were Mrs. Francis Jahn, president; Mrs. Charles Skaggs, vice president; and Mrs. Dale Sullivan, secretary-treasurer. The outgoing president, Mrs. Charles Farrar, who conducted the service, was presented with a gift by the newly installed president.

Following the business session a delicious dinner was served at a table beautifully decorated with white candles and a low centerpiece of spring flowers. At each member's plate was placed a small corsage, a gift of the hostess.

The group enjoyed playing cards during the remainder of the evening.

Others present were Mrs. Charles B. Ford, Mrs. Harry E. Wirth, Mrs. Bert Gaskins and a guest, Mrs. Ralph Horning Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Keneipp, San Diego, Calif., are now visiting in Harrisburg with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ludlow, and with his parents in Murphysboro. Mr. Keneipp was recently discharged from the Navy.

Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Mills of Washington, D. C., visited Mrs. Zola Sloan Wednesday of this week. They were en route to Honolulu where Dr. Mills will be connected with Tripler General hospital. Mrs. Mills is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roger M. Choiser of Washington. Her father was born in Harrisburg and graduated from the Harrisburg Township high school. He was the son of the late W. V. Choiser. Mrs. Mills was interested in recalling names of persons she had heard her father mention.

**Indicate Bar Group To Reject Court Plan Compromise**

ROCKFORD — A committee of lawyers huddled today to talk over changes proposed in their plan for overhauling the Illinois court system.

There were signs the 35-member special committee of the Illinois and Chicago Bar associations, which drew up the court plan, would refuse to compromise on the suggested alterations.

"We want the Legislature to submit our proposal to the people," Committee Chairman Barnabas F. Sears said. "That's all we ask."

"The bar association is not trying to foist judicial reform on the state," the Chicago attorney said. "We want to give the people an opportunity to say if they want a change or not."

The bar association plan is before the Legislature in Springfield. If okayed by the Legislature, its features would be placed on the ballot in 1956 and again in 1958 for voter approval.

The plan would consolidate all courts, eliminate elected justices of the peace and police magistrates, and provide that judges run "on their records" instead of in partisan elections.

**Nationalists Mine China Coast**

TAIPEI, Formosa —The Chinese Nationalist Ministry of Defense announced today it had begun mining the China coast to counter the Communist threat of invasion.

Foreign shipping was warned that defensive mine fields are being placed around such offshore islands as Matsu and Quemoy in a move that could close the big Red ports of Amoy and Foochow.

These two ports are visited regularly by international shipping including British. Today's communique made it clear such ships visit the Communist ports at their own risk.

**Nine Former GIs Leave for Elbe River Reunion in Moscow**

NEW YORK —Nine former GIs who first shook hands with the Russians at the Elbe river 10 years ago last month took off for Paris by plane Thursday en route to a reunion in Moscow.

The nine—a 10th dropped out because of the illness of his wife—had been scheduled to leave earlier, but had to cancel their reservations for lack of money.

They made up the deficit on a television quiz show Thursday and departed aboard a Trans World Airlines plane at 7:30 p. m. Their Russian hosts already had offered to pay for their transportation from Paris to Moscow and back.

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**Calendar Of Meetings**

The youth choir of Peters Creek church will sing tonight at Ingram Hill church where a revival is now in progress.

The Lenore circle of the Presbyterian church will meet at Schnierle's cafe Monday at 7 p. m. Miss Jean Selby and Mrs. Mildred Boicourt will be hostesses.

The box supper planned by the Candlelight Home Bureau unit has been postponed indefinitely.

A time change in the WSIL-TV schedule tomorrow puts the Coffee Club at 10:30 a. m. instead of 11 a. m. and the first program under the new time will be a representative group from the Harrisburg Humane society.

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**COMPLETE LINE OF SALES** books and ticket machines and tickets. We invite comparison as to prices and quality. Harrisburg Printers, 22 S. Vine. 201-1f

**SPECIAL BUY: GENUINE ARMY** work shoes and dress oxfords, \$5.95. Any size of boys' shoes \$2.95, were \$3.95. Very special bargain in horsehide and lace-toe shoes. Brown's Army Store. 263-

**BARN, J. H. PRUETT, 201 E.** Church St. 262-1

**TROPICAL FISH AND SUPPLIES,** parakeets and supplies. Live bait for fishermen. PYRAMID BAIT CO., at Ira's Radiator Shop, Eldorado. 259-30

**FOR THAT MOTHER HUNGRY** for appreciation, thanks and love, select one of our beautiful Bibles, as a gift from the whole family. Rainbow Rexall Drug Store. 263-2

**GOOD USED REFRIGERATORS.** O'Keefe Lumber Co. Inc. Carrier Mills. 71-

**LAY IN A SUPPLY OF SHORT** sleeved knit and jersey shirts for men and boys. Were \$2.95, selling now for 98c. Brown's Army Store. 263-

**FOR THAT LAST MINUTE GIFT,** try Rainbow's Rexall Drug Store. We gain wrap it for you. Rainbow's Rexall Drug Store. 221-

**HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES: 100** ft. weather proof extension cords, \$3.95, rubber door-mats 49c, paint, picnic jugs, luggage, durable cooking utensils and dishes. Cheap. Brown's Army Store. 263-

**DON'T FORGET MOTHER.** Come in now and select a gift from our small electrical appliances that will lighten her work and gladden her days. Rainbow's Rexall Drug Store. 262-2

**SWEET POTATO SLIPS, ALSO** domestic rabbits. Paul Parks, 624 W. Church. 263-2

**WASHING MACHINE PARTS AND** service. Call 141 for prompt, guaranteed service. ESTES SALES AND SERVICE, 206 E. Poplar. 227-

**POTATO SLIPS, TOMATO** plants. Ernest Weaver, 1 1/2 mi. W. of Hbg. 263-3

**FOR FAST AND DEPENDABLE** photo finishing, leave your film at Rainbow's Rexall Drug Store. 221-

**FIVE ROOM SEMI-MODERN** house, good outbuildings, full lot. Inq. 1320 W. Largent St., of Ph. 1319M. 263-3

**FOOD MARKET — ONE OF THE** best. In a Gallatin county town, in a good location. Has good business but owner is retiring because of age. Priced right. Will sell business and building or rent the building right. Write Box K-4321. Harrisburg. 262-3

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**MAKE YOUR OWN S.G.N.S. PLAS-**tic letters and decals in all sizes. Stick to any smooth surface. Economical. Harrisburg Printers, 22 S. Vine. 201-1f

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**CABIN FACING RIVER, ON** Steady point above Cave-in-Rock State park, completely furnished and on two lots. Included in sale are two boats, one 25 hp. with trailer and Johnson motor. Contact Lawrence Boutwell, Ph. 381-R, Eldorado. 216-3

**BLUE BIRD COAL—ALL GRADES** 3x6 Stoker washed and oiled, kindling—chat. City Coal Yard and Tin Shop. 138-1f

**BEAUTIFUL 5' LATE MODEL** Philco Freezer, \$99.50. Irvin Appliance Co., 615 E. Poplar. 262-3

**FERTILIZER**  
3-12-12 Ton \$43.50  
10-10-10 Ton \$59.70  
0-20-20 Ton \$57.25

Pick up at warehouse, Ph. 1220W  
**SUGAR CREEK PRODUCE**

**BEAUTIFUL CROSBY KITCH-**en cabinets, O'Keefe Lumber Co. 72-

**GUARANTEED VACUUM SWEEP-**ers. New and used \$10 up. All makes. M. Salmon, authorized Kirby dealer, Ph. 438-R for free demonstration. 256-

**KINGWAY SOY BEANS, H.** Ward Baker, Rt. 4, Ph. Co. 60F4. 259-

**FULLER BRUSHES AND DEBU-**tant cosmetics. Geo. A. Cochran, Eldorado. 259-

**REDI FURRED CONCRETE** blocks assure you of a DRIER building, basement or foundation. Molinarolo Block Works, Muddy, Ph. Co. 20F2. 259-

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**PORCH SWINGS \$8.00, SMOOTH,** heavily ironed. Large size. Hamilton's Shop, 6 N. Club, Gaskins City, Ph. 715M. 262-3

**FEDERAL FERTILIZER, AND** PFIESTER'S hybrid seed corn. CRAWFORD FEED MILL, 1223 S. Land, Ph. 220R. We deliver. 261-

**SPAR CHAT FOR ROADS AND** driveways. \$1.50 per ton by load Milligan Coal Yard, Ph. 507-W. 81-

**LOT 152X1200 FEET WITH 8** room house and garage, all in good condition in Old Shawnee town, across street from Catholic church — Elia Fields, 304 East Main, McClensboro. 263-

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**C. F. GIDCUMB SELLS GOLD** SEAL VINYL TILE. 261-1

**ROYAL PORTABLE DELUXE** typewriters for sale; \$10 down and \$5 per month. We also rent type writers. CLINE WADE Typewriter & Stationery Store, 404 E. Main St., West Frankfort, Ill. ph. 444. 85-1f

**GUERNSEY COW, TO BRING** second calf June 9. Gives 3 gal. milk day. Reasonable. Whit Gibson, 3 miles W. Hbg on Rt. 13. 263-2

**SAWMILL LUMBER, FREE** delivery on reasonable orders. BOND LUMBER CO., Ridgway, Ill., Ph. 75R3. 259-12

**SWEET POTATO SLIPS, AL-**bert Thompson, 2 mi. N. of Carrier Mills near Salem church. 263-2

**NITROGEN, 33 1/2% — PELLETT-**ed-flowing. See us for price, service and quality. SUGAR CREEK PRODUCE, ph. 1220W. 241-

**6 GRAVES IN HARRIS ADDITION** at Sunset Hill cemetery. Wm. Griffith, 718 West Lincoln. 263-1

**MY HOME AT 221 SOUTH JACK-**son. Bea Barnett, Ph. 605R. 249-1f

**3 VERY DESIRABLE BUILDING** lots at corner of Jackson and Maple streets, in neighborhood of many most modern new homes in Hbg. Close to good schools. Reasonably priced. Ph. 443W, after 5 p. m. 259-5

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## (4) For Sale (Continued)

## O'KEEFE'S OK USED CARS

- 1 1954 Chevrolet 4-door Bel Air, 2-tone beige with ivory.
- 1 1954 Chevrolet Del Ray coupe, green, with Powerglide.
- 1 1953 4-door Bel Air 2-tone green with beige.
- 1 1953 4-door 2-tone, brown with beige.
- 1 1953 2-door 2-tone green with beige.
- 1 1953 Plymouth 4-door, light blue, with overdrive.
- 1 1952 Plymouth 4-door, dark blue, with overdrive.
- 1 1952 Chevrolet 4-door, 2-tone green.
- 1 1952 Chevrolet 4-door, Indian Ivory.
- 1 1952 Chevrolet 4-door, black.
- 1 1949 Ford, 4-door, dark blue.
- 1 1948 Dodge 1-ton truck.
- 1 1947 Willys Jeep, with 4-wheel drive.
- 1 1951 Chevrolet 1/2-ton pickup.
- 1 1954 Chevrolet 3-4 ton pickup.
- 1 1953 Jeep station wagon.
- '52 and '53 Chevrolet 2-ton, two speed flat hydraulic dump beds.
- Older models to choose from.

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## (4) For Sale (Cont.)

**ANTIQUE LOVE SEAT, 411 W.** Locust, or ph. 592M before 3 p. m. 262-3

**TWO SOWS AND PIGS. DARWIN** Thiel, 1.4 mi. S. of Galatia. 262-2

**STEAM COOKED HOT DOGS 10c** Hot buttered popcorn and snowballs, at THE CHUCK WAGON, 2 doors north of Sloan on Granger. 262-2

**SPECIAL: 3 PIECE BATH FIX-**tures, O'Keefe Lumber Co. 71-

**SPECIAL**  
20 gal. automatic gas or electric water heaters, \$59.95. 30 gal. automatic gas or electric water heaters, \$70.50; 3 pc. cast iron bath outfit, complete, \$124.95; cast iron sinks 32 in. x 21 in. with trim, \$51.95.

Colored bath outfit: Blue, green coral only, complete \$164.95.  
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## Queen Elizabeth Disbands Parliament, Signals Election Drive

LONDON — Queen Elizabeth II disbanded Parliament and signaled the start of the campaign for the May 26 election today in a speech expressing hope for

"fruitful negotiations with the Soviet Union." The latest public opinion poll showed the Conservative government of Prime Minister Anthony Eden will win a majority of 65 to 70 seats in the new House of Commons. It now has a majority of 18. Final assembly of autos and trucks is carried on in 25 states.

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- 1948 PLYMOUTH Convertible.
- 1950 MERCURY 4-dr., Overdrive, Extra Clean.
- 2 1950 MERCURY Club Coupes, Overdrive.
- 1951 MERCURY 4-dr., Overdrive, New Tires.
- 1952 MERCURY Spt. Cpe., o'drive, U.S.R.M tires
- 1952 MERCURY Monterey 4-dr. O.D. or Merco.
- 1952 CHEVROLET Styleline 4-dr., Low Miles.
- 1952 LINCOLN Cosmo. 4-dr.
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OBSERVING A STUDENT TEACHER AT WORK in the University school of Southern Illinois university is Robert Schmatz, left (Dunkirk, N. Y.), who switched from a study of medicine to the art of educating children but is getting his chance to be an intern just the same — not in a hospital but in the Harrisburg public schools. He is a teacher intern in Southern's one-year graduate program that gives aspiring young school administrators on-the-job training. Second from left is Dr. Mabel Bartlett Lane, SIU supervising teacher. Seated is Gibson Kurtz, East St. Louis student teacher. (SIU News Photo)

## Intern Teacher at McKinley School Receives On-the-Job Experience

A young man who switched his studies from medicine to the art of educating children considers himself somewhat unique because he "didn't slip into the profession as a physical education teacher."

In spite of turning his back on medical college, Robert Schmatz (Dunkirk, N. Y.) is still having his chance to be an intern—not in a hospital but in the Harrisburg public schools where he receives on-the-job experience as part of Southern Illinois university's graduate course of instruction for aspiring young school administrators. The program is directed by Dr. Charles Neal.

Schmatz finds no fault with school administrators who enter their profession via the athletic field as long as they expand their educational background to qualify themselves for the job.

"Many young men who find ath-

letics the only excuse for a man entering the teaching profession change their minds after being exposed to teaching subjects other than physical education," says Schmatz.

From personal experience Schmatz says he missed "an intangible something from not having any male teachers for academic subjects. A man's approach to life is different from a woman's—children need to be exposed to both the male and female viewpoints in the classroom as well as at home."

As an SIU intern, Schmatz splits his day between teaching the sixth grade and acting as assistant to Principal Gene Morris at the McKinley elementary school in Harrisburg.

A graduate of Fredonia (N. Y.) State Teachers college, Schmatz reveals that he turned down assistantships offered by various colleges to study for a master's degree and chose Southern's intern program with its stress on practical experience.

"I am going to be a critic teacher (a teacher that supervises learning teachers) and that's exactly the sort of training I am receiving. My first-hand experience in all the workings of a public school will enable me to prepare my teachers for the kinds of problems and situations they will run up against as full-fledged teachers," he points out.

Schmatz surmises that a teacher intern's work "is probably no easier than that of a doctor's." "I rush against time preparing assembly programs, teaching, studying, making out reports for Dr. Neal's scrutiny, attending and preparing for SIU class sessions, and a hundred and one other things that add up to a job and a half. It's no snap but it gives me all the experience and background I'll need."

With a teaching contract already in his pocket Schmatz (whose wife, Ruth, is also a teacher) will go to Brookport, N. Y., in the fall to be a critic teacher in the State Teacher's college there.

The student intern sums up the lure of the teaching profession in one sentence: "I've worked at everything from welding to industrial administration but teaching is the first job that's had me wanting to stop the clock so I could get more done."

## Area Workers Double as Result War II and Korea

CARBONDALE, Ill. (UP) — Two University of Illinois professors reported today that the number of industrial workers in Illinois has doubled as a result of World War II and the Korean War.

The number of manufacturing plants has increased by 50 per cent, they said.

The report was presented by Profs. Howard G. Roepke and Jerome D. Fellman at the Illinois Academy of Science meeting at Southern Illinois University.

They said their study showed that the state's total of manufacturing workers rose from 590,995 in 1939 to 1,271,328 a year after the start of the Korean War.

In the same period, they said, the number of plants rose from 11,832 to 17,927.

But they said the two wars brought no appreciable increase in the proportion of workers in factories located in small towns or rural areas.

Based on latest census figures,

## Military Costs Will Remain High: Wilson

WASHINGTON (UP)—Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson sees no prospects of reducing military spending in the near future.

In his annual report to Congress made public Thursday night, Wilson said that even with the "strict austerity" he is enforcing defense spending will continue at the "high rate" of 35 billion dollars a year for a long time.

This figure was \$3,500,000,000 higher than the defense appropriation approved Thursday by the House Appropriations committee for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Wilson warned that when unspent funds carried over from the Korean war years are used up, "requests for new obligatory authority" will have to rise to finance defense outlays.

Wilson cited guided missiles as the one area where spending is rising.

Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens said in the report that "aggressive" research is being conducted on weapons "to meet the threat of low altitude air attack and the possible danger of intercontinental missiles."

Air Secretary Harold E. Talbott said hydrogen bomb training has been made part of the regular courses in the air training command and the new Air Force Academy.

Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas urged "very substantial" new U. S. ship building to deal with the "startling strength" of the Russian navy.

Both the Army and Navy registered mild complaints over manpower cuts ordered by the administration.

Wilson called America's "formidable" defense forces "the major factor securing the peace of the world." He said these forces are being strengthened continually with emphasis on the air-atomic power in which the nation has "the greatest advantage."

The defense report amounted to a catalog of new airplanes, guided missiles and other weapons which have been going into operation during the present administration.

To Conduct Meetings At Bethel Creek Primitive Baptist Church

Beginning Sunday, May 8, Elders Aaron Reeder and R. F. Upchurch will conduct a series of meetings at Bethel Creek Primitive Baptist church.

Services are to continue each night until the following Sunday, May 15, which is the regular monthly service. The rite of baptism will be observed at the close of the meetings.

Pleads Innocent to Charge of Extortion

Gene Shelton yesterday pleaded innocent to a charge of extortion filed against him in county court and his bond was set at \$500.

Shelton, in an information filed in the county clerk's office, is charged with unlawfully threatening to maim and wound Lloyd Banks Jr. and by such threats obtained \$15 in money from Banks.

Roepke and Fellman said, the center of manufacturing in Illinois is located 15 miles south-west of Joliet and has shown no significant movement in the last 15 years.

## Stratton Says He Will Veto One Of Broyles Bills

SPRINGFIELD (UP)—Gov. William G. Stratton told a delegation of opponents to the Broyles "anti-subversive" bills he plans to veto one of the two bills if they are passed.

Stratton told the group Thursday he plans to veto the bill which would permit the firing without trial of public employees accused of being subversive.

The other bill, which Stratton indicated he approves, would require loyalty oaths of public employees. He said, however, that he believes this bill would be amended to include only state workers.

In its present form, the bill requires oaths of employees in all political subdivisions of the state.

Stratton and former Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson both vetoed earlier anti-subversive bills sponsored by Sen. Paul Broyles (R-Mount Vernon).

## LOST 97 LBS. WITH RENNEL RECIPE

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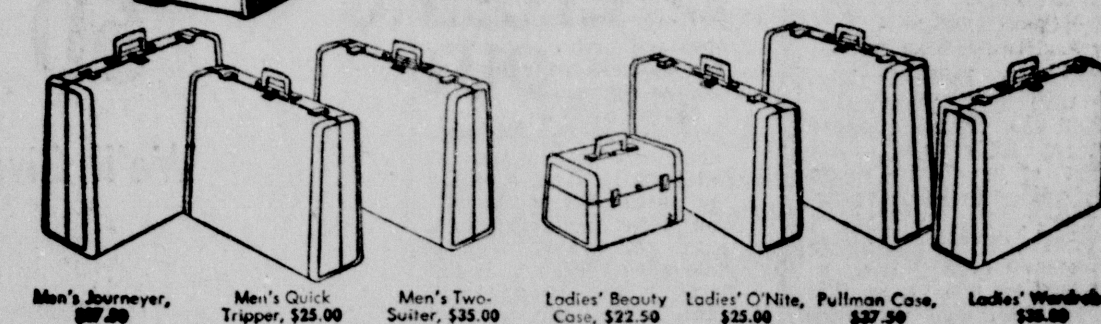


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**Yvonne Henn is  
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Yvonne Henn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henn, is the 1955 Typing Champion at the Harrisburg Township high school. In the annual typing contest held April 27 at HTHS under the supervision of Mrs. Pearl Parkhurst, head of the Commercial department, Yvonne received first place having the highest net average of 64 words per minute on three ten-minute tests with an average of six errors per timed writing.

Marilyn Werkmeister and Marva Cole received second and third place in the contest. Marilyn placed second with a net average of 59 on the test and with an average of 10 errors per test. Marva placed third with a net average of 51 and an average of seven errors per timed writing. Honorable mention went to Mary Lou Rober-son.

Last year's winners of the typing contest were Martha Armistead with an average of 60; Rhonda Jones, 59; Jean Keltner, 53; and June Partain, 51.

The winner received a specially designed gold typing award pin and the name of the winner will be placed on a plaque to be hung in the front corridor. Second place winner was awarded a silver pin of similar design.

The three winners are seniors. Yvonne is now taking Clerical Typing II, and Marva and Marilyn are taking Transcription II as their typing class at HTHS.

**RUDEMENT**

The following were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Roy De-Neal and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brockett, William Brockett and daughter of Eldorado, Mr. and Mrs. Lee DeNeal and Mrs. Laura Eagleson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop and son visited relatives at Olive Branch Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Wise visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeNeal and sons Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foster have had as guests this week their son, Leon Foster, J. D. Thomason of Port Arthur, Tex., also as dinner guests Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Riegel and sons, Mrs. Alma Killingsworth.

Mrs. Nettie Langford spent last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chellis Buchanan and son, Buell.

Jane Rose Booten was an over-night visitor Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Roy DeNeal and son, Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burns and family of Chicago visited Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop and son the week end.

Mrs. Laura Eagleson of Calhoun spent the week end with her niece, Mrs. Lee DeNeal, and husband.

**Final Bible Film  
Of Series Sunday at  
Christian Church**

The third and final section of the feature-length motion picture, "Our Bible—How It Came To Us," which tells the story of how the Bible has come down to us through the ages, will be shown in Harrisburg, at the First Christian church on Sunday, May 8, at 7:30 p. m., it was announced today by Rev. Glen Daugherty.

The final chapter is probably the most stirring section of this epic sound film, which was produced



Coverdale examines first printed English Bible

by the American Bible Society. It opens with the invention of printing and the introduction of the Gutenberg Bible, and deals with a host of men who made great contributions to Bible translation—Erasmus, Martin Luther, William Tyndale, Miles Coverdale and King James I of England.

Two outstanding scenes in this section of the film deal with the martyrdom of William Tyndale and the conference called by King James at Hampton Court in 1604, which lead to the publication of the beloved King James Version. The picture shows discoveries of ancient manuscripts and continuing study and revision.

It closes with a recapitulation of the various groups to whom we are now indebted for our Bible, and a series of scenes showing the use and influence of the Bible in our day.

The public is invited to see this inspiring film.

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\$29.50 Arvin Automatic Perciator	\$21.50
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\$18.95 Hoover Steam Iron	\$13.95
\$13.95 Sandwich Toaster	\$9.95
\$24.95 Hand Vacuum Cleaner	\$12.95
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\$16.95 Desk Chairs	\$8.00
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\$32.50 Sunbeam Deep Fryers	\$23.95
\$16.95 TV Table	\$9.95
\$29.50 TV Bases	\$19.95
\$234.00 Pfaff Automatic Desk Type Sewing Machines	\$289.50
\$289.50 Pfaff Automatic Portable	\$229.50
\$29.50 1-4 in. Drill and Saw Hobby Kit	\$22.50
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GE Portable Food Mixer	\$19.95
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Reg. Price — ITEM	Sale Price
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\$239.50 Norge Deluxe Refrigerator	\$179.50
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## Nashua Heads Field of 10 for Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Belair Stud's Nashua headed a field of 10 three-year-olds entered today for the 81st and richest running of the \$152,500 Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs Saturday.

There were no surprises or changes in the field which was set last Tuesday after the running of the derby trial.

Rex C. Ellsworth's Swaps was the first horse named for the mile and a quarter classic while G. Rollie White's Trim Destiny was the last.

Nashua was the fifth colt named for the first of the triple crown classic and John Fitzsimmons who signed the slip at a cost of \$250 said the winner of the Flamingo Stakes, the Florida Derby and the Wood Memorial was ready to go. It will cost another \$1,250 to start. Nashua still favorite.

Summer Tan was one of the last named for the race. Sherrill Ward strolled into the racing secretary's office about two hours after it opened and named the horse expected to give Nashua the toughest fight for the winner's purse of \$108,400.

Nashua was tabbed a 4 to 5 favorite in the overnight line which will appear on the track program Saturday with Summer Tan next at 2 to 1. Then came Swaps at 5 to 1, the Cain boy entry of Flying Fury and Racing Fool at 10 to 1, Jean's Joe at 15 to 1, Honeys Alibi at 2 to 1, and Blue Lem, Trim Destiny and Nabesna at 30 to 1.

**SIU Seeks Football Coach as O'Brien Is Granted Leave**  
CARBONDALE, Ill. — Southern Illinois university will name a new head football coach in the near future to succeed Bill O'Brien.

Head coach at Southern for the last three years, O'Brien has been granted a leave at his own request to complete work toward a doctorate at Indiana university. The leave is from Sept. 1 to Jan. 17.

More than 70 applicants for the position are being screened by Athletic Director Carl E. Erickson and the athletic board.

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### Boston Red Sox Decide to Get Along Without Ted Williams

BOSTON (NEA)— During the training season, Boston baseball writers spent more time covering the Everglades, where Ted Williams fished, than they did Sarasota, the Red Sox spring base.

Would the Great Man be back to give the Sox his incomparable wallop?

Nobody seems to care any more, including the front office. Perhaps it was the poor eastern swing after a surprisingly successful start that brought about the change, although from the outset most New Englanders were convinced that the Boston Americans weren't going anywhere in particular.

There is a rather astonishing twist to the Williams business. That has been the lack of pressure put upon the slugger to return. Although the entire league is badly in need of a drawing card, no outside attempt was made to straighten out the financial end of Williams' marital troubles, which is all that is confining him to his fishing dory.

Young Faye Thronberry's fine beginning contributed to the lessening of interest in Williams in the Hub. Thronberry, a big left-hand thumper who came out of the service, also bangs the ball over the bull pen and into the distant right field bleachers at Fenway Park.

**A REMARK MADE** by Tom Yawkey could be significant. "The American League got along after losing Babe Ruth and Joe DiMaggio," said Owner Yawkey. "I guess it will survive without Ted Williams."

Yawkey never has been described as a penniless magnate, but Williams reporting would add \$125,000 to the payroll. Ted the Thumper is crowding 37 and it would take at least three weeks for him to get in shape.

When it comes to money, ball players are notorious for being strictly for themselves. The Boston athletes would just as leave see Williams stay in his fishing camp. They figure that they might get some share of the \$125,000 lopped off the payroll.

While a Red Sox shortcoming is lack of hitting, the trouble is not in the outfield where Thronberry, Jimmy Piersall and Jackie Jensen are considerably more than sustaining ball players. The principal Red Sox faults are around second and at first base.

Mike Higgins got a bad break

### Carrier Mills Beats Shawneetown, 4-2, For Sixth Victory

Carrier Mills defeated the Shawneetown Indians Thursday afternoon, 4-2, in a game played on the Wildcats' diamond. This was the sixth victory of the season for the Wildcats, who have one loss.

The Carrier Mills team is playing at McLeansboro today, and Marion will be the opponent on the Wildcats' diamond Monday to complete regular season play.

Collins led the Wildcats at bat yesterday with three for three and Storms, with a double in the fourth, batted in the winning runs. Underwood and Gunzel each had two hits for Shawneetown.

Score by innings:  
Shawneetown 200 000 0-2-5-1  
Carrier Mills 101 200 X-4-6-3  
Batteries: Shawneetown, Nolen and J. Drone; Carrier Mills, Sweat and Collins.

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when Milt Bolling broke an elbow in training. This was multiplied when the veteran Eddie Joost suffered a broken hand when hit by a pitched ball.

**WHEN BOLLING** and Joost are repaired, they no doubt will form the second base combination as long as the latter's legs hold up. The infield then could be strengthened out by moving Billy Goodman to first base, where he belongs. Harry Agganis hits only spasmodically, and huge Norm Zaichin probably requires another year in Triple A. The pull left-hand hitter Agganis would be better off in a ball yard other than Fenway Park.

It's a pity the generous Tom Yawkey and the Red Sox haven't a balanced club to go with the remarkable young pitchers—Willard Nixon, Frank Sullivan, Tom Brewer, Ike Delock and George Susce. If Mel Parnell ever gets back in one piece, Beantown is going to have quite a staff. Parnell suffered a broken wrist last trip. Now it's a bad knee.

But what we started out to say was that nobody, not even in Boston, cares about Williams any more.

There is only one way for Ted Williams to rekindle interest in himself.

He's got to play, not speculate about it.

### Drake Resigns As Oklahoma U. Basketball Coach

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Bruce Drake, a knight of the basketball realm who once slew a dragon called "goatending," said today he may not quit the coaching field quite yet.

And the wiry 6-footer, who resigned Thursday as cage mentor at the University of Oklahoma, indicated he will continue to seek new rules to give the shorter player a better break.

Drake said he "just decided to step down" after 17 years as Sooners' hardwood boss. Fans attributed his action to pressure from alumni who thought the Oklahoma cage team should measure up to the gridiron powerhouse.

Drake's squads won six Big Six and Big Seven crowns in 13 years then fell below the 500 mark the past four years. The 3-18 record last year, the past season was the worst in the school's history.

Drake gained national fame as author of the "Shuffle" and of the anti-goatending rule. He led a campaign in 1944 that finally outlawed goatending and his rule still stands.

### Fight Results

**By United Press**  
PHILADELPHIA: Bobby Douglas, 142, Philadelphia, knocked out Earl Johnson, 150, Philadelphia (6).

**PITTSBURGH:** Charles (Sonny) Liston, 202, St. Louis, stopped Emil Brtko, 197, Pittsburgh (5).

**BIG SWITCHES**  
Milwaukee, Wis. (NEA)— Marquette Coach Prosy Ferzacca, after a dismal '54 season, has switched full back Dave Donarski to guard.



**WRONG MEET**—Tripping on a hurdle, Rich Ferguson looked as if he was trying to turn a track meet into a swimming meet. Iowa's defending champion failed to hit his pace after the unscheduled dip, and finished second in the Kansas Relays Steeplechase at Lawrence.

## Pirates' Dale Long Drives In Six Runs, Starts Triple Play in 9-4 Win Over Braves

**By United Press**  
Dale Long, victim of one of baseball's most bizarre experiments, was in another rare position today: He could say "I told you so" to General Manager Branch Rickey of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Four years ago Rickey decided Long couldn't make the big league grade as a first baseman and announced he was converting him into a left handed catcher. The move defied tradition, because baseball men insisted there just "couldn't be such an animal." Long agreed but went along with the experiment.

It failed but Long still thought he could make good as a first sacker and today he's proving his

## Don Newcombe Is Re-Instated By the Dodgers

BROOKLYN (AP)—Don Newcombe, the husky Negro pitching star of the Brooklyn Dodgers who was suspended Thursday for insubordination, was re-instated today after a conference with Vice President E. J. (Buzzy) Bavasi.

Bavasi, in announcing the reinstatement, said that restoring Newcombe to the team would "result in further penalties."

Those penalties probably will be determined late today when the club travels to Philadelphia.

Manager Walter Alton previously had announced that Newcombe would pitch against the Cubs and the Redlegs on the Dodgers' forthcoming western trip.

Newcombe was suspended Thursday when he refused to pitch batting practice before the Dodgers' game against the Cardinals. While the suspension lasted only one day, it cost him more than \$100 in salary and although Bavasi refused to discuss what the "further penalties" may be, he indicated that they might be severe.

Before he conferred with Bavasi, Newcombe had conceded that "the next move is up to me."

"I still can't understand, though, why they want to punish a fellow who is only trying to help the club," he said. "The Dodgers are going great and I think I can win some games for them. My arm is in good shape and I wanted to start games. Is there anything wrong with that. After all I was supposed to be one of the mainstays of the pitching staff."

Big Newk, relaxing at his home in Colonia, N. J., after a round of golf "to take my mind off my troubles," said Thursday night that he would try to get in touch with Alton and try to "iron things out."

Alton, at his home in Brooklyn, said he hadn't heard from Newcombe since the big explosion before Thursday's game with the St. Louis Cardinals.

"Things had reached the point where drastic action had to be taken," Alton said.

"This was the second time he had refused to pitch batting practice. I can't argue with him every week about things. Look, there are at least four pitchers on the club who have done equally as well as Newcombe so far and who haven't pitched any more than he has. But I want to be sure a pitcher is in shape before he starts a game for us. And there's no better way to tell than to have him throw batting practice."

Alton said he did not know whether the suspension would be lifted before the club opens a long road trip against Philadelphia tonight. He said Buzzy Bavasi, the Dodger vice president, would have to decide when to reinstate big Newk since Bavasi sent the telegram notifying the pitcher officially he was off the payroll.

Bavasi figured that on the basis of Newcombe's \$17,500 salary for the 1955 season, the suspension would cost the right-handed Negro fast-ball artist \$104.79 per day. "For that kind of dough a man certainly should be willing to pitch batting practice without complaining," Bavasi said.

point with a .364 batting average that's a major factor in the Pirates' sudden emergence as respectable citizens in the National league.

The 29-year-old 210-pounder from Green Bay, Wis., capped the comeback Thursday when he drove in six runs with three doubles and a sacrifice fly and started a triple play as the Pirates beat the Milwaukee Braves, 9-4. The victory was the fifth straight for the Pirates—second longest of the Rickey regime—and their eighth in 11 games. They'll equal the Rickey regime record of six wins in a row if they beat the New York Giants tonight.

Long, who has three triples and five doubles among his 16 blows this season, started his great day Thursday by driving in the first Pittsburgh run with a sacrifice fly in the first inning. In the fifth, he doubled to drive in two more runs and in the sixth he lashed another double with the bases filled to drive in three more.

Then, in the seventh, his 6-foot, 4-1/2 inches were put to good use when he leaped to spear a line drive by Eddie Mathews and start the season's first triple play. Long threw to Dick Groat, covering second, for a second out and took the shortstop's throw to first to complete the triple killing. Nelson King received credit for his first win with the aid of Vernon Law's relief.

The loss was the fifth in a row for the Braves, who slumped two games below the 500 mark with a 9-11 record. They are nine games behind the first place Brooklyn Dodgers who beat the St. Louis Cardinals, 4-3, Thursday for their seventh straight triumph and 18th in 20 games. The Giants downed the Chicago Cubs, 6-3, and the Detroit Tigers defeated the Boston Red Sox, 3-2, in the only other games.

Pinch-hitter Al Walker, batting for the first time this season, drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly for the Dodgers. Duke Snider had walked to open the eighth inning and race to third base on Roy Campanella's sacrifice when the Cardinals left the base unguarded. Rookie Ed Roebuck received credit for his second win while Harvey Haddix, an 18-game winner last year, lost his third game. He's won one.

**Magie Wins First**  
Sal Magie allowed five hits and two runs in six innings to win his first game as the Giants finally reached the .500-level. Willie Gardner, sub infielder, drove in the Giants' first run with a single and struck a three-run double in the fifth inning. Harry Perkowski was the loser for the Cubs, whose first eastern invasion resulted in a 4-6 showing.

At Kaune tripled home Fred Hatfield in the ninth inning to give the Tigers their 10th triumph in their last 12 games and a share of first place with the Cleveland Indians in the American league. Jim Delsing gave the Tigers their first two runs with a homer in the sixth but the Red Sox tied the score in the seventh on a double by Harry Agganis, singled by Faye Thronberry and Sam White, and Jackie Jensen's double. Rookie Duke Maas went the route for his first big league win.

## Parke-Davis Dispute Settled

DETROIT (AP)— Parke, Davis & Co. and the CIO Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers' early today settled their contract dispute which threatened to cut off a major source of Salk polio vaccine.

However, the drug firm still faced another strike threat. It still is negotiating with the AFL International Association of Machinists. The AFL union's 300 Parke, Davis workers have voted their leaders power to call a strike at any time.

## The STANDINGS

By United Press	W	L	Pct.	GB
National League				
Brooklyn	18	2	.900	
Chicago	11	10	.524	7 1/2
New York	9	9	.500	8
St. Louis	8	9	.471	8 1/2
Milwaukee	9	11	.450	9
Pittsburgh	8	11	.421	9 1/2
Philadelphia	8	12	.400	10
Cincinnati	6	13	.316	11 1/2

**Thursday's Results**  
New York 6, Chicago 3.  
Brooklyn 4, St. Louis 3.  
Pittsburgh 9, Milwaukee 4.  
Only games scheduled.

**Friday's Probable Pitchers**  
Pittsburgh at New York (night)  
—Kline (1-2) vs. Antonelli (2-2).  
Brooklyn at Philadelphia (night)  
—Loes (3-1) vs. Dickson (2-1).  
Chicago at Cincinnati (night)  
—Minner (2-1) vs. Nuxhall (2-1) or Fowler (0-4).  
Milwaukee at St. Louis (night)  
—Nichols (2-0) vs. Jones (0-1).

**Saturday's Games**  
Pittsburgh at New York.  
Brooklyn at Philadelphia, night.  
Milwaukee at St. Louis, night.

American League	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	13	7	.650	
Detroit	13	7	.650	
Chicago	11	7	.611	1
New York	11	8	.579	1 1/2
Kansas City	9	9	.500	3
Boston	9	13	.409	5
Washington	7	12	.368	5 1/2
Baltimore	5	15	.250	8

**Thursday's Results**  
Detroit 3, Boston 0.  
Only game scheduled.

**Friday's Probable Pitchers**  
New York at Boston — Turley (4-0) vs. Sullivan (2-3).  
Kansas City at Cleveland (night)  
—Shantz (1-2) vs. Score (2-1).  
Baltimore at Washington (night)  
—Rogovin (1-2) vs. Stone (0-3).  
Detroit at Chicago (night)—Garver (2-3) vs. Trucks (1-2) or Pierce (2-0).

**Saturday's Games**  
Kansas City at Cleveland.  
Detroit at Chicago.  
New York at Boston.  
Baltimore at Washington, night.

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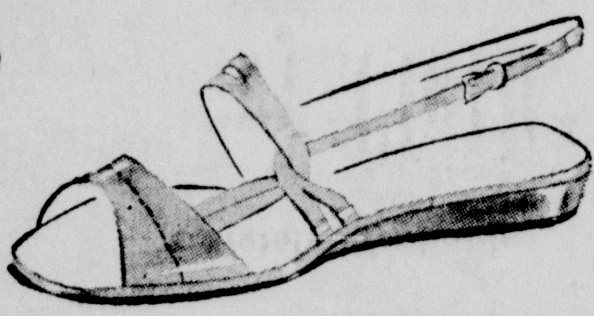
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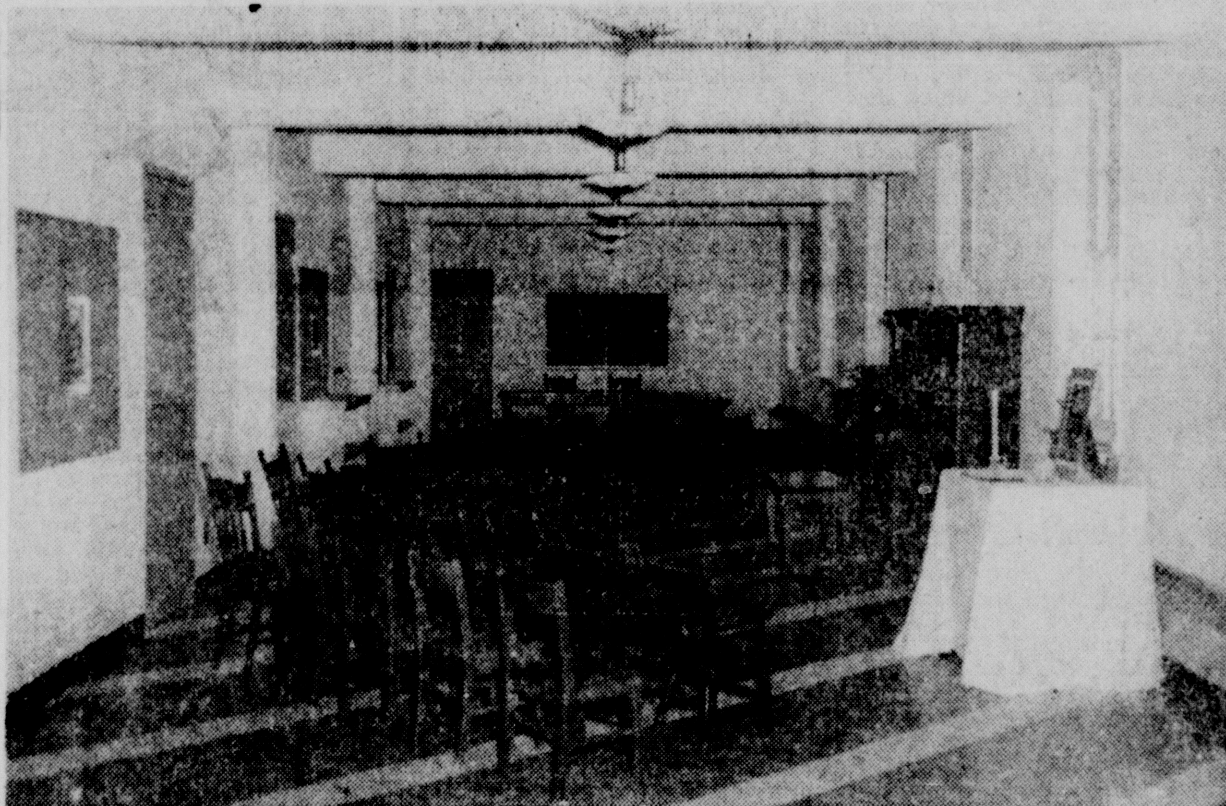


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**THE HALL CHAPEL**—One of the most beautiful sections of the new church building is the Hall Chapel. The chapel has an exposed rafter-type wood ceiling, painted turquoise blue, and the beams are finished in white. Outer walls of the chapel have clear glass windows, and the inner walls have mirror windows. The chapel will seat 50 persons. It was named in honor of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Hall.  
(Register Staff Photo)



**INTERIOR OF A CLASSROOM SECTION** in the new Wesley Center building. This is in the Primary Department on the second floor.  
(Register Staff Photo)

### Scouting Important Part of Activities Of Local Church

Scouting has been an important part of the overall Methodist church program for several years. Troop No. 79 was organized in the church in 1943 with Walter Hamilton as scout master. Hamilton got the scout off to a good start with a fine number enrolled. Hamilton is now in professional scouting work in Michigan.

Several others have aided with the program through the years.

Among these have been Gene Morris, Bob Norman, Herman Conover, Bill Ferrell, Harry Borders and Carl Brooks. In 1950, under Borders and Brooks a scout room was made under the brick portion of the old Wesley Center building. Besides walling up and painting the interior of this room, an outside entrance was constructed. In the years immediately following, until the structure was torn down to make way for the new church, Troop 79 was very active. Hikes and camporees were part of the program and a lively organization functioned. Leonard Alexander, a former scout executive of

this area who lived in this city, helped with the group.

Since the wrecking of the old Center, the Troop has been dormant. Plans have already been made for the re-organization of the Troop and ample space is provided in the basement of the new church for scouting.

### Present Officers And Teachers Of Church School

Following are the present officers and teachers of the Church School:

Rev. W. L. Cummins, pastor; Herbert Peak, superintendent; R. L. Foster, adult superintendent; Mrs. L. N. Davenport, youth superintendent; Mrs. Ray Johnson, children's superintendent; Ted Wolfe, secretary; Miss Barbara Dunn, assistant secretary; Mrs. Harold Parker, assistant superintendent of membership; Mrs. R. L. Foster, home department.

Also, Mrs. Lola Cox and Mrs. Wayne Brown, nursery; Mrs. Gladys Gibbs, Mrs. Vivian Cotton and Mrs. Ted Wolfe, beginners; Mrs. Walter Cummins, Mrs. Paul Tanner, Mrs. Harold Clarke and Mrs. Barbara Sutton, primary; F. N. (Buck) Russell, 4th grade; Robert Norman, 5th grade; Mrs. Arthur Moore and Mrs. Mable Wallace, 6th grade; Mrs. Lily Wing, 7th grade; and Mrs. O. R. Brown, 8th grade.

Also, Mrs. J. O. Hall, freshmen; J. O. Hall, young adults; Mrs. John Schwartz, Suzannah Wesley class; Miss Bernice Patterson, Kupples Klass; Mrs. C. E. Combe, Myrtle Combe's class; Mrs. R. W. Melven, Women's class; R. W. Melven, Men's class; L. N. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Class.

Also, Mrs. Florence Rew, Mrs. Herman Schwartz and E. L. Norman, substitute teachers; Miss Mary Richardson, Intermediate MYF; Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Davenport, senior MYF, and Mrs. Gus Syers, WSCS.

### Present, Former Trustees of Church

Trustees of the First Methodist church during the past year have been Frank P. Parker, A. L. Smith, Thomas D. Gregg, G. O. Davenport, Dr. D. A. Lehman, Dean Hill, C. L. Petty, Charles H. Thompson and E. L. Norman.

Mr. Gregg and Mr. Davenport joined the Board in the early twenties and have served on it continuously since that time.

Trustees who served in the earlier history of the church were John Cain, John Martin, Seth Roper, Elias Weaver, W. C. Clark, J. W. Coker, W. H. Harper, T. R. McCormick, R. N. Pearce, B. P. Weaver, C. S. Wills, G. H. Morris, G. F. Huffman, George W. Morris, H. A. Murphy, Charles V. Parker, and O. E. Barter.

There are 64,875 private airplanes owned by individuals and businesses, not counting the commercial airlines, in the United States.

### President Confers With Top Leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower conferred for 30 minutes today with his top foreign policy and military advisers. The White House described the meeting as of "a routine nature," but refused to say what subjects were discussed. There had been advance speculation that the conference would discuss European and Asian problems.

### Name Sections of New Buildings

At a recent meeting of the official board of the church, it was voted to call the newly-constructed education building, a portion of the new structure—Wesley Center. If in reading the articles in this issue you should find Wesley Center mentioned, it may be with reference to the old Parish structure or the new education building, depending upon the period. The board also voted to call the chapel—Hall Chapel, for Pastor Emeritus C. C. Hall and Mrs. Hall. Church parlor is another section of the building, adjacent to the Hall Chapel.

The conferees included Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, who leaves for Paris tonight on a major diplomatic mission. Dulles had a lunch conference with the President. The White House conceded this involved latest developments in Viet Nam and implementation of the Austrian peace treaty. In Paris, Dulles will confer with the Western Allies on Big Four talks with Russia, efforts to arrange a Formosa cease-fire and the Indochina situation.

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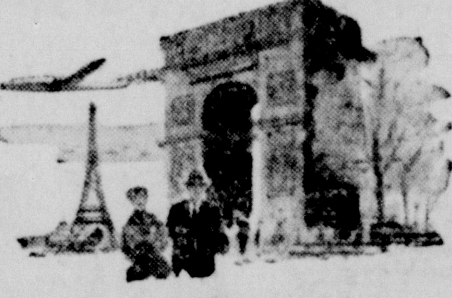
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## METHODISTS TO CONSECRATE NEW EDIFICE

### Colonial Architecture Featured In Spacious New Brick Building

Spire Rises to  
85 Feet, Topped  
With Copper Cross

The First Methodist Church of Harrisburg, Illinois is a brick structure of Colonial architecture. It is a spacious and complete church in every detail. The spire is of steel frame and rises 85 feet from the first step of the portico. From the louvers upward it is covered with copper sheeting and topped by an 8 foot copper cross. The length of the building from the front of the portico to the rear

of the church is 123 feet. The over-all width of education building and church is 153 feet. The building contains 446,000 cubic feet of space.

The sanctuary from the chancel to the narthex is 83 feet long and seats 400. The balcony above the narthex will seat approximately 55. The divided chancel and choir has sufficient seating capacity for 35 persons. The sanctuary is lighted by eight twelve-light polished brass candelabra suspended from the ceiling and equipped with Rheostat dimming control from full light to off. The windows throughout are of clear glass with venetian blinds.

The chancel and isles are carpeted and the narthex floor is covered with pure Vinyl tile and the rest of the floors are covered with asphalt tile. On the west side of the chancel is the choir room which contains space for communion and music supplies and a lavatory. It also contains radio broadcasting equipment. It has an outer entrance at the street level. From the chancel on the east side, a corridor, 6 feet wide and 56 inches long, leads to the educational rooms. On the north side of the corridor is the beautiful chapel, which will seat 50 people. The chapel has an exposed rafter-type wood ceiling, painted turquoise blue, and the beams are finished in white. The outer walls of the chapel have the clear glass windows and the inner walls have mirror windows.

Following the chapel on the north side of the corridor is the church parlor, which also has mirror windows on the inside walls. Across the corridor from the chapel and parlor and on each side of a central front entrance are the offices for the secretary and pastor.

At the end of the corridor there are five steps leading down, and eight steps leading up to the first and second floor of the church school building. This building is 113 feet long and 79 feet wide and faces the same street the church faces but sets back some 32 feet from the front of the church so as not to draw attention from the sanctuary. This building is designed for departmental work, has its own assembly rooms and individual classrooms, some divided by permanent partitions and some by modern fold doors. The church school can accommodate approximately 650 persons. The fellowship hall will seat 500 and will accommodate about 300 at the tables.

A balcony in this building is located over the narthex and contains space for the assembly of the children's department. Also in this balcony is the projection room for moving pictures and slides. At the opposite end of the fellowship hall is the stage, which has a combination colored lighting system. To the west of the stage is a large kitchen for cafeteria use.

There are lavatories on every floor and small ones for little children in the kindergarten and nursery.

The ceilings of both the sanctuary and fellowship hall are acoustical plaster and the walls throughout the building are finished with white sand plaster. The entire building is furnished with a public address system, so arranged that any service may be broadcast to any part of the building. It is also wired for radio and television broadcasting from the nave and fellowship hall.

The rooms connecting the church and fellowship hall have a basement under them for the heat plant. The heating system is so arranged so that heat in any part of the building can be regulated as a separate unit. The sanctuary is air-conditioned and the fellowship hall and educational rooms are ventilated with four large fans.

The sanctuary stands at near grade level; there is only one step up from the front walk to the portico and one step up from the portico into the narthex. There is some space for angle parking on both sides of the church and at the rear of the building.

Mr. Gale E. Henderson of St. Louis is the architect and the construction was done by Ken Evans Incorporated, also of St. Louis, at a cost of \$300,000 complete.

"And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work."

—Nehemiah 2:18



"This Is None Other Than the House of God"



Rev. W. L. Cummins  
Pastor  
First Methodist



Rev. Dale Harmon  
Superintendent  
Harrisburg District

#### Program for Consecration Service

Program for the Consecration service during the morning worship hour, Sunday, May 15, with Bishop Charles Wesley Brashares, will follow the outline set forth in the Methodist "Book of Worship" for opening of a church. It is, in substance, as follows:

Prelude  
Hymn  
Call to Worship  
Invocation  
Collect  
The Lord's Prayer  
Anthem  
Responsive Psalm  
Gloria Patri  
The Scripture Lesson  
Declaration  
Responsive Prayer  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Anthem  
Offertory  
Hymn  
The Sermon  
An Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
Doxology  
Silent Prayer  
Benediction  
Postlude

The Rev. W. L. Cummins, pastor of the church, will preside, and the Rev. Dale Harmon, Harrisburg District Superintendent, will assist with the presentation of the program.

### Week of Services

First Methodist Church  
May 9 thru 15, 1955

**Monday, May 9**  
YOUTH NIGHT, Miss Judy Morse, speaker.  
**Tuesday, May 10**  
MEN'S NIGHT, E. Bishop Hill, speaker.  
**Wednesday, May 11**  
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE, the pastor presiding.  
**Thursday, May 12**  
WOMEN'S NIGHT, Mrs. W. A. McCracken, Greenville, Ill., speaker.  
**Friday, May 13**  
FAMILY NIGHT, carry-in dinner, Wesley Center.  
**Saturday, May 14**  
No services scheduled.  
**Sunday, May 15**  
Special Consecration service during morning worship hour at 10:40 with Bishop Charles Wesley Brashares, speaker.

#### Four Items from Old Church Placed In New Buildings

Four things in the old Methodist church building on West Poplar street have been included in the actual construction of the new.

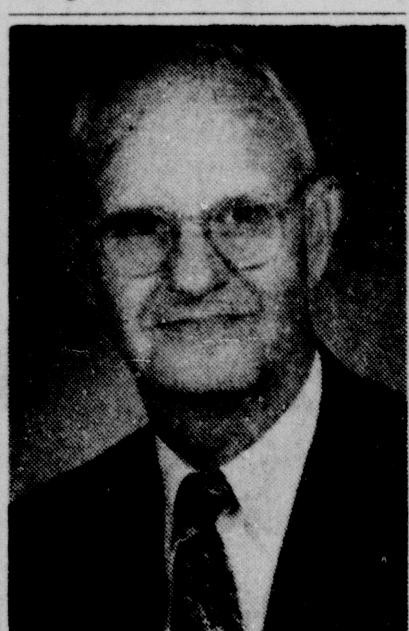
They are the bell, the box and all contents taken from the old cornerstone, a portion of the south stained glass window and the four fans in the balcony.

The bell has a resting place in the new steeple.

The box and its contents, taken from the old church cornerstone, have been placed in a new cornerstone in the Wesley Center building. This should not be confused with the actual cornerstone of the new building which is located elsewhere.

A portion of the stained window is in the sanctuary, beautifully lighted as an altar background.

The fans have been placed over the stage in the Wesley Center building to help cool that section during the hot weather.



Rev. Earl C. Phillips

Formerly pastor of First Methodist, 1943-48, he is now Editor, Conference Newspaper. He will speak Sunday night, May 8th.

### What Methodists Believe

WE BELIEVE that God is Maker and Ruler of all things, Father of all men, and source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ was God manifest in the flesh, serving as teacher, example, redeemer, the Saviour of the world.

WE BELIEVE that God is present in the form of Holy Spirit, offering guidance, comfort, and strength for those who trust in Him.

WE BELIEVE in the Bible as the account of God's revelation of himself to mankind, offering an ideal of faith and practice in all life's experiences.

WE BELIEVE that God made man in his own image, able to respond gratefully to the divine love that seeks him out and to show his gratitude for God's mercy by exhibiting a similar magnanimity toward his neighbors, even though they be his enemies.

WE BELIEVE that as men try to love God with all their heart and their neighbors as themselves, they become righteous in God's sight and are able to grow in grace and in holiness.

WE LOOK upon sin as a conscious violation of God's law. When, in the exercise of his freedom, man has chosen the way of evil, we believe that if he will turn about and confess his sins, a merciful God will forgive.

WE BELIEVE that it is normal for a conscious being to be able to make himself known to other similar beings, so that, when men earnestly endeavor to keep God's holy will, the Spirit makes inward impression upon their souls that they are the children of God. This assurance Methodists have called the witness of the Spirit.

WE BELIEVE in the church as a fellowship for worship and service. We look upon all who truly love the Lord Jesus as our brethren. In this universal church the Word is preached for the edification of believers and the sacraments administered whereby God may convey the sustaining power of his grace.

WE BELIEVE in the Kingdom of God as the divine ideal for human society.

WE BELIEVE that since the use of intoxicants impairs physical health and dulls conscience, those who would be disciples of our Lord and truly friends of their brethren should abstain from alcoholic beverages.

#### A Word About This Issue

Because of limitations of time and space, it is impossible to present an all-inclusive picture of Harrisburg Methodism. However, effort has been made in this issue to sketch briefly the history and growth of the Methodist church here.

Over the span of 99 years, there have been many many loyal workers in the church richly deserving of praise. We have not been able to recognize all herein. To those legions of workers of the past and of the present we would humbly pay tribute. The present edifice is a living testimony of the sacrificial work of one and all.

Our especial thanks and appreciation for their aid in compiling this section go to the many who wrote and labored in its behalf. Mrs. Charles E. Combe, church historian, O. E. Barter, the Rev. W. L. Cummins and many others have been exceedingly helpful.



Dr. C. C. Hall  
Pastor-Emeritus

Formerly pastor of First Methodist, 1940-43, he is now Chaplain, Holden hospital, Carbondale. He will speak Sunday morning, May 8th.

### Week of Activities Will Begin Sunday, End With Consecration May 15

Bishop Brashares to Conduct Special Service;  
Two Former Ministers to Speak Sunday, May 8

Harrisburg Methodists will observe a full week of activities commencing Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day, and concluding the following Sunday, May 15, with special consecration services conducted by Bishop Charles Wesley Brashares, Chicago, resident bishop of the Chicago area and head of Illinois Methodists.

According to the Discipline of The Methodist Church, a church cannot be dedicated until it is free of debt. Therefore, the service Sunday, May 15, will be a service of Consecration, heralding the formal opening of the church for worship. The program will follow the regular ritual for opening of a church as it appears in the Methodist "Book of Worship."

This consecration service will take place at the regular Sunday morning worship hour, commencing at 10:40. Bishop Brashares will be assisted in the presentation of the memorable service by the church pastor, the Rev. W. L. Cummins, and the superintendent of the Harrisburg District, the Rev. Dale Harmon.

This Sunday, May 8, two special services will open the week of activities. During the regular morning worship hour, Dr. C. C. Hall, former pastor of the church and now honored as Pastor Emeritus, will deliver the sermon.

At the evening services this Sunday, the Rev. Earl Phillips, another former pastor of the local church and now Director of Public Relations, Southern Illinois conference, will be the guest minister.

Each of the evening services during the week will commence at 7:30, with the exception of the Friday night program. Hour of that evening's program will be announced later. Although different groups are in charge of the various evening programs, all are invited and urged to attend each evening. A number of out-of-city Methodists are expected to be in attendance several of the evenings.

Youth of the church will have the Monday evening services. Various portions of the worship program will be handled by the Youth.



BISHOP CHARLES WESLEY BRASHARES, Chicago, resident bishop of the Chicago area of the Methodist church and head of Illinois Methodists.

Miss Judy Morse is to be the speaker of the evening. The newly-formed Youth Choir will sing.

The Tuesday night program has been arranged by the Methodist Men's group and will be conducted completely by men of the church. E. Bishop Hill, active church layman and manager of the district social security field office here, will be the speaker for the evening.

Don Williams, chairman of the Methodist Men, will preside. An all men's choir will sing, and special music will be featured.

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#### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH Harrisburg, Illinois May 8, 1955

W. L. CUMMINS, Minister  
Let the people bow in prayer on being seated.

Organ Prelude: "Largo" ..... Handel

Mrs. John Woolcott, Organist

Processional Hymn: "O Worship the King" ..... No. 4

(Congregation stand as choir enters and sing on 2nd verse.)

Call to Worship.

Minister: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

Minister: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.

People: For the hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth. (The people will be seated.)

Invocation by the Minister:

Almighty God, author of eternal light; illumine our hearts by the light of thy grace that our lips may praise thee, that our lives may bless thee, that our worship may glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect: (Here let the people unite with the minister)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Meditation.

The Lord's Prayer and Choral Response.

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Anthem ..... Chancel Choir

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Responsive Reading: "Love Never Faileth" ..... No. 584

Gloria Patri.

Affirmation of Faith ..... (Page 512, Read II)

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Scripture Reading.

Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response.

Offertory: "These Are They Which Came" ..... Gaul

Doxology (People standing)

Hymn: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" ..... No. 379

Sermon ..... Dr. C. C. Hall

Silent Prayer.

Recessional Hymn: "While Serving Thee" ..... No. 458

Acolytes.

Benediction.

Postlude: "Alleluia" ..... Mozart

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THE PEOPLE MAY BE SEATED AT THESE INTERVALS.

EVENING WORSHIP — 7:30 P. M.

Prelude.

The Introit.

Announcement to Radio Audience.

Hymn: "When I See the Blood" ..... No. 26

Scripture Reading.

Hymn: "Throw Out The Life-Line" ..... No. 24

Prayer.

Special Music.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings.

Special Music.

Sermon ..... Rev. Earl C. Phillips

Hymn.

The Benediction.

Postlude.



# New Church Climaxes Work of Earlier Congregations

## Building Drive Was Launched in Earnest in 1952; Steering Group Of 35 Leaders Planned Campaign

By H. E. Jones

The Methodist Church of today owes its existence to that loyal band of Christian men and women who in 1856 organized the first Methodist Church in Harrisburg. It was they and their successors who gave the present congregation the opportunity to erect this new church and education building.

A generation later a new building was erected on West Poplar Street under the leadership of Rev. A. S. Maxey and dedicated in September 1902. As the membership continued to increase, it was necessary to secure additional room, especially for the church school. In 1923, during the pastorate of W. H. Whitlock, Wesley Center was purchased which gave the church the whole square for expansion in a building program which it was thought would not be too far off. Additions were made to the original structure from time to time so that it might better serve the program of worship, teaching, and preaching of Methodism.

Since this date, each succeeding pastor has seen the need for more and better facilities for the congregation had done something about it. During these years a building fund was started, and by 1953 it had grown to almost \$25,000.00 in government bonds. To all who have gone before and helped with their talents, time and means, the present congregation is indeed grateful.

In 1948 Rev. W. L. Cummins came to the pastorate of the church and immediately saw the possibilities of a new church and education building and began to awaken renewed interest of the congregation in a building program, adequate to the needs of the present time. Under his able leadership the campaign to build was launched in earnest in the latter part of 1952, and by the early part of 1953 the campaign was in full swing. A building committee had been appointed by the official board of the church, plans had been presented by the architect, Gale Henderson, St. Louis, and bids received. On June 29th, the board of Stewards, with the members of the congregation in attendance, authorized the Church Planning committee to proceed at once with the Fund-Raising Campaign. This committee was enlarged to some thirty-five leaders to form a Steering committee. This group of men and women, representative of the entire congregation and under the leadership of L. N. Davenport as chairman, adopted a plan of campaign to raise \$250,000.00 in contributions and pledges.

A contract was signed with a fund-raising service to conduct the campaign, and early in July their representative, Mr. Kenneth J. Brooks, arrived in Harrisburg, opened his office in Wesley Center and began immediately to get the needed organization in working order.

At the first meeting of the Steering committee, Friday, July 10, the following officers were elected to serve during the campaign: General Campaign chairman, G. O. Davenport; vice chairman, John Woolcott; treasurer, H. O. Buell; Budget and Auditor, Harold Parker; and chairmen of twelve different committees to perform all the functions and multitude of tasks assigned to them by the campaign manager. Early in the campaign a brochure was published giving the history of the Methodist church and describing the proposed plans for building a new church plant. These were placed in the homes of each Methodist family that they might be fully informed. Numerous meetings of all committees were held to acquaint everyone with the plans to be carried out.

Three main committees were named—Advance Gift committee, chairman, Dr. B. E. Montgomery; Special Gift committee, chairman, John R. Jackson; and the General Gift committee, chairman, Fred Wunderlich, co-chairman, A. L. Smith. Majors, captains and workers were then added until when the organization was completed there were more than one hundred fifty men and many women taking an active part in the campaign.

One of the highlights of the campaign was the Loyalty Dinner held at the Country Club, August 5, with more than one hundred fifty present, Charles H. Thompson, presiding.

Mr. Thompson gave the address of welcome after which talks were made by the following: John Woolcott, general vice-chairman, spoke on "Our Campaign Leaders"; R. L. Foster, of the Building committee, Our New Church; and G. O. Davenport general chairman, Our Campaign Task. Jane Lasersohn and Oren Brown spoke for the youth of the church. The principal address of the evening was by Robert C. Adair, president of Good Will Industries of St. Louis. It was a challenging and inspirational address.

During the next two weeks the Listing committee, Dr. D. A. Lehman, chairman, made an intensive study of the entire membership of the church as to what each one might be able to pledge over a three year period, and five hundred red pledge cards were arranged for the use of the soliciting teams, showing an estimate of what was needed if the campaign was to be successful.

A speaking campaign, under the direction of Miss Bernice Patterson, did very effective work in the Sunday school as well as the regular worship service by keeping everybody well informed and impressed with the need of the new buildings.

The Campaign Kick-Off Dinner held at Wesley Center, Friday, August 21, at 6:30 p. m., with every member of each committee and

team present for final instructions from the campaign manager, gave everyone an optimistic outlook.

At this dinner every worker was informed that he was required to make his pledge and turn it in to the manager before he was allowed to solicit pledges from other members. By the time all worker pledges were made and compiled, almost fifty percent of the goal had been reached.

At this meeting the Advance Gifts committee and the Special Gifts committee made a report of thirty pledges already made for \$88,224.00.

The drive began in earnest Monday, August 24, and by Friday night 396 pledges for more than \$20,000.00 had been taken. Pledges and contributions were still being made and a final campaign report meeting and service of praise and testimony was called for Wednesday evening.

A large crowd gathered in the church and when the final reports from each committee were in, the goal had been reached and thousands of prayers answered.

The youth division, sponsored by John Schork, with Martha Lou Gibbs, Jane Lasersohn, Bill Bottomley, Fred Kinnaman, and Carole Thaxton, as team captains, are to be commended for their fine work and was the first division to reach its quota.

Four hundred thirty two pledges were made for a total of \$251,000.00. All pledges were effective as of Sept. 1, 1953, and run for three years or to August 31, 1956. Pledges were paid promptly and by February 1954 the Building committee was about ready to sign the building contract. To meet the costs as they occurred has required some short term financing while the pledges are being paid. Thus, bonds were issued to the amount of \$125,000.00. The bonds sold rapidly, insuring the committee enough cash to pay all bills promptly so the building contract was signed and actual construction began in May.

A Campaign Continuation committee of twenty five members was appointed at the close of the campaign to continue the work and will function until the close of the pledge period.

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Every Sunday**

Financial Facts Regarding Building Campaign	
Cash receipts 1st year, ending Aug. 31, 1954	\$ 91,487.24
Cash receipts next 8 months, ending April 30, 1955	45,240.13
Total cash receipts 20 mos. ending April 30, 1955	136,727.37
Amount collected on pews	6,916.75
Net amount collected on pledges and contributions	129,810.62
Average weekly collection	1,509.42
Additional amount of cash made available for building purposes to April 30, 1955:	
Original bonds	25,276.22
Sale of 5% bonds	125,000.00
Pledges and contributions	129,810.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$280,086.84</b>



**THE BUILDING COMMITTEE**, upon whose shoulders fell many of the important tasks and decisions connected with the new church, deserves the praise of the entire membership and community. Dr. B. E. Montgomery served as chairman of the committee. Members are: Seated—Raymond Foster and Dr. Montgomery. Standing—William Stain, the Rev. W. L. Cummins, Adolph Smith and Dr. D. A. Lehman. (Register Staff Photo)



**Eli Lasersohn**

Hard-working and conscientious, Eli Lasersohn has done much to aid the new building program, serving as chairman of the finance committee. His work, and that of his committee, which he commends highly, has been outstanding. Serving with Mr. Lasersohn on the important finance committee have been Dr. B. E. Montgomery, H. O. Buell, Harold Parker, William Stain, William Biggers, Fred Russell, L. N. Davenport, J. O. Hall, Harold Godard, G. O. Davenport.

### THE METHODIST CHURCH Southern Illinois Conference

The beautiful new building of the First Methodist Church in Harrisburg, Illinois, stands today as proof of what can be done by Christian people if they are of a mind to do it.

The spirit of loyalty, determination, and co-operation of these people has been outstanding. The wise leadership of their pastor, the Rev. W. L. Cummins, is to be highly commended.

This building is outstanding, not only in the beauty of its structure, but in its suitability. A complete program of worship, education, and social activities for all age groups can be carried out within its walls.

Such a building will add much to the effectiveness of this congregation in helping to build the Kingdom.

(Signed) DALE HARMON,  
Superintendent, Harrisburg District.

### Cornerstone Laying Of New Church Was June 27, 1954

Cornerstone laying services of the new Methodist church building were conducted on June 27, 1954. Those who attended will recall that it was an extremely hot day, the temperature reading outside 105 degrees.

City officials lined off West Poplar and North Webster streets for the worship hour, and members stood in shady spots, where available, while the program progressed.

The pastor, Rev. W. L. Cummins, presided, and the ritual for cornerstone laying was followed. G. O. Davenport reported the contents of the old cornerstone. Materials placed in the new cornerstone box were also reviewed. Bill Stain constructed the box for these things.

After the box was placed in the cornerstone, and the cornerstone in the building, Attorney Charles H. Thompson applied the mortar. The stone weighed approximately 290 pounds. It bears the words, "First Methodist Church, Founded 1856. Erected 1954."



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THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH AND TO THE  
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### THE METHODIST CHURCH CHICAGO AREA

The Reverend W. L. Cummins  
First Methodist Church  
Harrisburg, Illinois

My dear friend:

We hear that the Methodists of Harrisburg have completed their new church building, and we congratulate you who have given of your time, your gifts, your prayers, and labors to such an important service.

Gradually we are learning that the only thing the matter with this world is sin and that Christ is the cure for that, and we can gather in churches and bring the people in and introduce them to Christ and the things that were wrong can be made right. Life can have more of joy and less of sorrow, and more of love and less of hate, more of heaven and less of its opposite.

Please remember me cordially to the Methodists of Harrisburg, and especially to those who have sacrificed to make this new building possible.

Cordially your friend,  
Charles W. Brashares



**George O. Davenport**

General Chairman of the Building Campaign, church treasurer for many, many years and a member of the church's Board of Trustees for more than three decades, these are some of the tasks which have been handled efficiently and without fanfare by G. O. Davenport. He is also a member of the Board of Stewards.

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**L. N. Davenport**

As chairman of the Steering Committee which had much to do with the direction and guidance of the building campaign and as chairman of the Board of Stewards, governing body of the local church, the positions held by L. N. Davenport during the past two years have been highly important ones.

Mr. Davenport has also served his church as a Sunday school teacher and, with his wife, as sponsor of the Senior MYF group these past years. He once supplied the office of Sunday school superintendent for a number of years and also served as District Lay Leader for eight years.

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May this new building be of a great service to our community for many years.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to add our heartiest congratulations to the membership of the First Methodist Church . . . and to all the fine folks who helped in any way to build this new Church and Education Building. Sunday will be a proud day for many people. It is a day of achievement, a day that will consecrate to this community a new Church, so important to our welfare. Thanks for letting us be a small part of this work.

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## Pastor's Message

It was Annual Conference time in the year of our Lord 1856. The Bishop was reading the appointments for the Illinois Conference, "Raleigh Circuit, B. R. Pierce," he said and B. R. Pierce started "circuit riding" in Saline County, Raleigh circuit being the entire County. During that year the Methodist organization was born in Harrisburg. Next year, the year of our Lord 1956, these "people called Methodist" will celebrate one hundred years of continuous operation as a church, for that celebration will take place in a beautiful new church building which, barring some unforeseen calamity, will assure them at least another century of Christian opportunity and development.

Perhaps nothing is to be gained by reviewing the long years of struggles and reverses which lead up to the fulfillment of this dream, while many hopes and plans were born only to die a-borning. Suffice it to say that what couldn't be done was done and a building stands completed. The people labored and God has blessed their labor. No single person is deserving credit over another. It has been a prayerful cooperative enterprise: an operation of faith and trust in almighty God. We rejoice to bear our witness for Christ in this exciting adventure of faith. For a congregation to tear down its old building so deeply loved because of long associations, destroy every trace of their existence, is no small matter. But this was done beginning with the parsonage, then Wesley Center, then the church edifice itself. There was no fire, no storms to destroy, only the lapse of time, a knowledge of their inadequacy and the engineer's advice that they were unsafe for public use. Everything was completely destroyed and a congregation found itself without a building.

The Turner-Farrar Corporation first came to our rescue. Mr. O. L. Turner, Sr., visited the minister in his parsonage home at around 11:00 at night and said, "The Orpheum theatre is open to you and your people." His kind offer was accepted and for fifty weeks all services were held there. The church owes an everlasting debt of gratitude to these people. The school buildings, Horace Mann, Junior High, and McKinley, were also used. Funds were raised and a new building erected in record time. Everything operated with mechanical precision and nothing occurred to slow us down. We can only say a million thanks to everyone and eternal praise to God.

A house of worship, however, is created, not merely built. Architectural detail or applied decoration does not assure its success as a house of worship. It is created by the intangible thing that defies definite terminology which for lack of better expression may be called "spiritual atmosphere." This intangible thing makes the difference between a building where religious services may be held and a true sanctuary.

Today the church has many competing attractions. There are innumerable forms of recreation and amusement to distract from church affairs. High pressure methods are constantly employed to capture attention and influence decisions. It is not fitting that a house of God should undertake to compete in this commercial field. It exists for one purpose only, namely to carry out the commands of its Master who said, "Go ye into all the world and preach and teach and heal." This is the true function of the church and it cannot justify its existence for any other purpose. Its edifice from which these functions are to be carried out must contain that intangible atmosphere which can create in men and women, boys and girls, a consciousness of their divine mission. It must be an oasis of peace and beauty where its true Head may be sought and found. This thought was kept uppermost in our minds from the beginning. If our building reflects this idea and if that spiritual and intangible atmosphere has been created we will have been amply rewarded. If it has been lost, our failure is complete. The answer rests with the future.

It has been a great privilege, a high honor and a source of satisfaction to have some part in this work of eternal significance. As the pastor of these people for the past seven years I can sincerely say the spirit of friendly cooperation has been outstanding. No minister has worked with a more cooperative and faithful building committee, nor has any congregation been more faithful in carrying out its financial responsibility. May the Methodist people in Harrisburg live long and serve God with increasing zeal as the years come and go.

*W. L. Cummins*

## Tribute to Our Minister

Contributed by Miss Bernice Patterson

During the last three or four decades literally hundreds of Methodists have prayed earnestly and have given regularly of their money, trusting that some day they and their children would be able to worship in a new sanctuary and to study and play in an adequate education building. The highest honors and appreciation are due them! Evidence of their loyalty is seen in the magnificent fortress on West Poplar street, the reward of the hopes of the faithful.

However, in any great accomplishment there is always some section for which but one individual is directly responsible. Ralph Waldo Emerson declared that "an institution is the lengthened shadow of one man." The new sanctuary is just that! One man dreamed and prayed for a sanctuary whose chance would direct the worshipping congregation to a deeper reverence for the Heavenly Father, the one Person worthy of adoration and obedience.

Such a sanctuary has become a reality. To enter its nave is to recall Isaiah's vision when he saw the Lord and heard the words:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts,  
The whole earth is full of His Glory!"

The sanctuary is the fulfillment of this man's dream. Its worshipful atmosphere is the outgrowth of his vision. For from the first day that he became a part of First Methodist in Harrisburg, he had, in his thinking, a new sanctuary of beautiful proportions, sacred appointments, and a simplicity worthy of being the dwelling place of the Most High.

Quietly, but constantly, he explained to his people that in any community the church should be the loveliest of buildings. In the secret place and at the altar of the church, he prayed that all the congregation, from the youngest to the oldest, would catch the vision and see the need.

The months passed! An awakening came! The people said, "Show us the way. We will help! We will build!" As in the days of Nehemiah, "the people now had a mind to work."

Time after time, under this man's leadership, his committees visited church after church, some being many miles distant, the purpose always being to find a plan that would give the people a place of worship, both beautiful and sacred.

Finally, the man's dream was no longer a mere dream. For on Easter morning, April 10, 1955, scores of men and women, boys and girls, met for worship in the new sanctuary!

With Jacob of old, the minister said:

"How awesome is this place!

This is none other than the  
House of God, and this is the  
Gate of Heaven!"

The man whose dream has become a reality is, of course, the pastor of the church, the Rev. W. L. Cummins.

With him, in the quietness of the sanctuary, the people will sing:

"I love to steal awhile away  
From every cumbering care,  
And spend the hours of closing day  
In humble, grateful prayer.

"I love to think on mercies past,  
And future good implore  
And all my cares and sorrows cast  
On God, whom I adore."



The Pastor, W. L. Cummins, at his desk in the new church study.

## Methodist Church Founded in 18th Century By John, Charles Wesley

### First Annual Conference Was Held in 1744

The Methodist Church had its beginning in the early part of the 18th Century under the leadership of John Wesley and his brother, Charles. John was the preacher and organizer—Charles the singer and hymn writer. Under the leadership of these brothers a revival of religion swept over England among the common people.

The organization of The Methodist Church was the natural outgrowth of this movement. One historian states that this religious revival saved England from a bloody revolution that would have been worse than the French Revolution. The first Annual Conference of The Methodist Church was held on June 25, 1744 in the Foundry Church, London. The first few of these conferences were devoted primarily to the formation of government and polity.

In 1760 the first Methodist preachers came to America. Others soon followed, and within a few years many Methodist Societies were formed. The Methodist Episcopal Church in America was officially organized in the historic Christmas Conference held in Love

ly Lane Chapel, Baltimore in 1784. Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury were elected the first bishops of the church. At that time there were only 83 preachers and less than 15,000 members in this new church.

Following this conference the Methodist Circuit Rider began his epoch-making career as evangelist, pastor, organizer, and builder. Often he was also the schoolmaster and founder of schools and colleges. The church grew rapidly. By 1816 there were 200,000 members and more than 700 ordained preachers. Such a multiplication of disciples has seldom been known in the history of Christianity, since the marvelous expansion in the first centuries of the Christian era.

From time to time differences arose which resulted in divisions. In 1816 the African Methodist Episcopal Church was formed. The Methodist Protestant Church was organized in 1830. In 1845, when the nation was divided over the question of slavery the churches of the southern states formed the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In the historic Uniting Conference, held in Kansas City in 1939, the three largest branches of Methodism, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church united under

the name of The Methodist Church, to become the largest single Protestant denomination in America. Today the Methodist Church has lost much of its frontier quality and has gained, with the country, a more settled nature. It has over 11,000,000 members in 40,000 places of worship, served by 22,500 pastors, 575 district superintendents and 37 active bishops.

While it has attended rigidly enough to the General Rules to create a rather disciplined membership and ministry, the church has been, on the whole, rather tolerant in doctrine, with the result that it has become an inclusive fellowship of seekers rather than an exclusive society of saints.

Methodist polity resembles the national government; it has judicial, executive and legislative branches at the national, regional, subregional and local levels. The bishops and district superintendents are the executives; the Conferences are the legislatures, with subsidiary administrative boards; and the Conferences constituted as courts but headed by a Judicial Council make up the judiciary branch. In most matters and at most levels, there is an approximately equal lay and ministerial representation.

The Methodist Church today supports a missionary enterprise in 41 nations, 136 institutions of higher learning valued at a third of a billion dollars, the nation's largest religious publishing business, and nearly 200 hospitals and homes.

In addition to the above mentioned church, there are a number

## Deaconesses Have Contributed to Spiritual Growth of Youth of Church

By Mrs. William Stain

At times, through the years when the needs of the congregation were great and the duties of the pastor were many, it became necessary for the church to employ the services of a deaconess or an assistant to the pastor.

During the latter part of the pastorate of Rev. L. W. Thrall it became necessary to get someone to help him when his health no longer permitted him to carry the full load. Since his daughter, Edith, was a trained deaconess, it was his pleasure to have her assist him. It is recalled that she organized a Queen Esther group for girls and later a Campfire Girls group.

When John H. Davis was the pastor, Miss Aurora Labhardt assisted in the work of the church. She married and lived in Herrin a number of years but is now deceased.

Then came Miss Gail Kepner who assisted the Rev. W. H. Whitlock. Miss Kepner, with special training in religious education, worked with the Senior Epworth League group, supervised the Daily Vacation Bible School, helped in making the pastoral calls and of branches which have not reunited, such as the African M. E. Church, the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and the Free Methodist church.

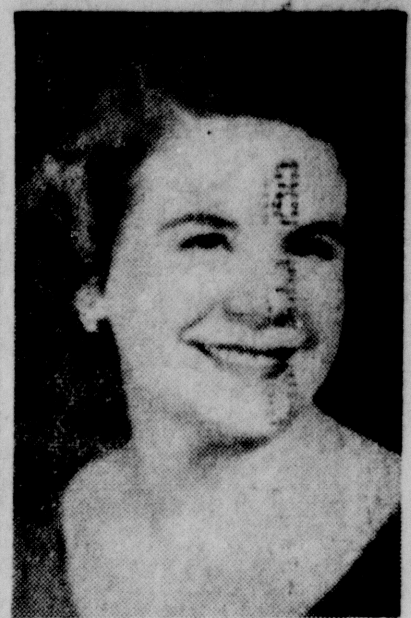
worked in the church office. Miss Kepner is now Mrs. Ed Nichols, living near Carlyle, Illinois.

After the flood of 1937, when so many had suffered so much and help and encouragement were greatly needed, the services of Miss Vesta Roberson, a deaconess, were beyond measure as she assisted the pastor, L. A. Magill.

Together they worked and planned, ministering to the needs of the congregation. She came in April and that summer, under a large tent back of the church, one of the largest and most successful Daily Vacation Bible Schools was held, followed by another the next year. She left Harrisburg in September of 1938 to attend Seminary and get her degree in religious education. Miss Roberson is now Mrs. Russell Milnes and the wife of the pastor of the Congregational Church in Bethel, Connecticut. They have one daughter, Margaret Ruth, aged 12.

In 1941, when Dr. C. C. Hall was the minister, Miss Matile Crosnoe was employed to plan and superintend the Daily Vacation Bible School and assist in other ways during the summer months. Miss Crosnoe is now Mrs. James E. Sponenberg, the wife of a minister, and lives in South Carolina. They have two boys.

Not only in Harrisburg First



Mrs. W. L. Cummins

Wife of the present pastor, Mrs. Cummins is active in the WSCS, chancel choir and other church organizations. The Cummins have two children, Mrs. Ted Wolfe, this city, and Mrs. J. McRee Elrod, New Haven, Conn., and three grandchildren.

Church but throughout Methodism the work of consecrated deaconesses and pastor's assistants has contributed largely to the spiritual growth of the youth of the church, many of them being leaders of the church today.

# It Is Our Distinct Privilege

to have rendered to the First Methodist Church a service of which we are duly proud... that of writing the insurance on the magnificent new structure.



To the congregation, the church officers, and the pastor, we offer our most sincere congratulations and best wishes on this splendid accomplishment, and our humble thanks for being allowed to take part.

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## Choir Has Wide Reputation as Members Devote Long Service

### Chancel and Youth Groups Active At Present Time

By John Schork

In preparing the records of every church's growth and development, one is conscious of the great contribution that music has made. Through the years the choir of the First Methodist church has earned for itself a reputation that extends beyond the limits of its own community. In many cases individuals have devoted practically a lifetime to serving in the church choir.

In compiling a list of those who have given of their time and talent to the music of the church, one must rely on the memory of members of the congregation. Consequently, there is always the danger of having overlooked some who actually contributed greatly to the service of church music.

The first choirmaster in the old Methodist Episcopal church on Vine street was E. T. Smyth. Mrs. Sadie Jackson York was organist and choir members included Mrs. Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. Minnie Harper, Dr. C. E. Byington, Mrs. Elsie Joyner, Mrs. Grace Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Lawrence Stiff, Aud Clark, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Gregg, Bertha Hamilton and Clarence Wills. Later, Mrs. Wills was also a member of the choir.

Others who were members of early choirs include Dan Davis, Bert Marion, Walter Thomas, Mrs. Lula Morrow, Mrs. Harry Taylor, Mrs. Grace Ozmert, Mrs. Mattie Gaskins, Miss Gaynelle Mallonee, Mrs. Lillian Heineman-Beck, George Morris, Mrs. Mollie Williford, Nimphis Elder, Claude L. Rew and Will Smyth.

Although many former members of the choir are now deceased, others have moved away, some to far off places, and still others, although living in our community, are inactive. Among these former members are Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lentz, Orofino, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reed, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mrs. Fred Gates, Springfield, Ill.; Robert Smith, Carmel; Mrs. Link Rann, Chester; Mrs. Charles Pell, Webster Groves, Mo.; Mrs. R. O. Burk, St. Louis; Mrs. Ada Favreau, Valparaiso, Ind.; Mrs. George Blase, Tokyo, Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Grosvenor Needham, Chicago; Mrs. Maxine Ruder Rude, Belleville; Raymond Ruder, Chicago; Mrs. Ernest Moore and Mrs. Harry Taylor, Indianapolis; and Mrs. Lilia Johnson Lewis, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Inactive members who are still in Harrisburg include Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hood, Mrs. Sibyl Whitley, Mrs. C. E. Wing, Mrs. Pearl Sherman, Mrs. Hallean Miller, Bill Brashears, Charles E. Taylor, Ingis Taylor, Lloyd Cox, Mrs. Charles Pierson, W. W. Chunn, Mrs. Hilis Stokes, Mrs. Darrell Piper, Mrs. Ed Kirkpatrick and Janet Karnegay.

The first pipe organ installed in the church on Poplar street was an Estey. Through the efforts of

is church pianist, succeeding Mrs. Fred Gates.

The present chancel choir, made up of volunteer singers, has among its members several people who have been singing in the group for many years, some whose memories go back to early days in the Poplar street church and even to the Vine street church. In addition to singing for both morning and evening services in the church, the choir presents complete musical programs on special occasions. The most recent of these programs was the presentation of "The Redeemer," by Clarence Dickinson on Easter Sunday in the new sanctuary. At that time the regular choir was augmented by several members of the youth group.

Present membership of the Chancel choir is Mrs. L. N. Davenport, Mrs. John Schwartz, Mrs. William Biggers, Mrs. Larry Barnhill, Mrs. F. M. Sullivan, Mrs. Ted Wolfe, Mrs. B. G. Funkhouser, Mrs. Claude L. Rew, Mrs. Martha Alice Parsons, Mrs. Roger Hunt, Mrs. W. L. Cummins, Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, Mrs. C. L. Travis, Mrs. Dean Hill, Mrs. Fred Wunderlich, Mrs. Charles Leckrone, Misses Eleanor Etherton, Barbara Dunn, Mary Elizabeth Schwartz, Sara Cummins, Virginia Bozarth, Peggy O'Neal, Sandra Butler.

Also, Fred N. Russler, Everett Hood, John W. Biggers, Thomas D. Gregg, Bill Williams, Fred Wunderlich, Jesse Nichols, Fred Kinnaman, Oren Ray Brown, Richard Applegate.



Mrs. Ray Johnson

Few have compiled records of longer continuous faithful service to the local Methodist church than Mrs. Ray (Madge Thompson) Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson has served as superintendent of the primary department or children's division superintendent since 1925 and prior to that time was a teacher in that department for several years. She was also very active in youth work and has served the church in many other capacities over the years.

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THE CHANCEL CHOIR of the Methodist church, now under the direction of John Schork, is an outstanding and talented group. The choir provides special music at both the Sunday morning and evening services and, from time to time, presents special programs. Their latest choral presentation was the Easter Cantata, "The Redeemer," beautifully given and ably directed.

Members of the group, as pictured here, are: Front row (left to right) Mrs. C. L. Travis, Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, Sandra Butler, Mrs. Dean Hill, Sara Cummins, Mrs. Claude Rew, Mrs. Fred Wunderlich, Mrs. B. G. Funkhouser, Mrs. Ted Wolfe and Peggy O'Neal. Second row (left to right) Mrs. L. N. Davenport, Mrs. John Schwartz, Barbara Dunn, Mrs. Blanche Hunt, Mrs. Martha Alice Parsons, Mrs. Larry Barnhill, Mrs. William Biggers. Third row (left to right) Mary Elizabeth Schwartz, Bill Williams, John W. Biggers, Fred Wunderlich, Oren Ray Brown, F. N. Russler, T. D. Gregg, Everett Hood, Virginia Bozarth, Mrs. John Woolcott (organist). Back row (left to right)—Fred Kinnaman, George Barger, David Burnam, Bill Bottomley (trumpeter), Dick Fritts (trumpeter), Bill Johnson, Eldorado, guest soloist, Dick Applegate and John Schork, director. Other members of the choir, not in picture, are Mrs. F. M. Sullivan, Mrs. W. L. Cummins and Mrs. Robert Norman.



THE YOUTH CHOIR, only recently organized, is under the direction of Bill Williams and Marshall Cothran. The group sang for the first time at the initial services in the new church Easter Sunday morning. Members of the choir are: Front row (left to right)—Judy O'Neil, Janet Tanner, Robert Harmon, Janet Hall, Doris Williams, Janet Jahn and Bill Williams, director. Second row (left to right)—Diane Cox, Ellen Youngs, Sharon Lewis, Martha Gibbs, Peggy O'Neil, Carol Cable, Susan Peak and Harriet Kelley. Third row (left to right)—Judy Goddard, Diane Gidcumb, Janet Thompson, Paula Reynolds, Sara Cummins, Elizabeth Gidcumb and Mary Schwartz. Back row (left to right)—David Burnam, Jimmy Cox, Harold Guard, George Barger, Bill Bottomley and Gerald Hall. (Register Staff Photo)



THIS EARLY CHOIR picture was taken around 1910 or 1911, during the pastorate of the Rev. Resho Robertson, who served here from 1909-12. This was the first pipe organ placed in the old Poplar street church. Half the cost of the organ was paid by the Carnegie Foundation, after members of the church made an appeal to the group. Pictured in the choir are: Front row (left to right)—Rev. Robertson, Mrs. Taylor Ferguson, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Clarence Wills, Mrs. Tom Gregg, Miss Gaynelle Mallonee and N. E. Elder. Back row (left to right)—Loran Wasson, Taylor Ferguson, Mrs. Santie York, Clarence Wills and W. H. Morgan. Mr. Ferguson was choir director at First Methodist for nearly a quarter of a century. His wife was also an active choir member for many years. The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Renfro, she served as organist some. Mrs. Ferguson was also active in the Ladies Aid in later years and was president of the organization when the note for Wesley Center was burned. Mrs. Tom Gregg was a faithful member of the church choir for more than 50 years. We are indebted to Mrs. Hallean Miller for the loan of this picture.

### Superintendents Of Sunday School

Following are the names of men who have served as Sunday school superintendent, and believed to be the order in which they served.

Dr. J. W. Renfro.  
U. B. Holson.  
W. C. Clark.  
John W. Coker.

Harry Taylor.  
Earnest Moore.  
Charles A. Taylor.  
R. O. Burke.  
H. E. Jones.  
N. N. McKee.  
Roy Hudgins.  
J. T. Shewmaker.  
L. N. Davenport.  
Virgil Lambert.  
E. L. Norman.  
Raymond L. Foster.

### Herbert Peak.

### CHURCH SECRETARY

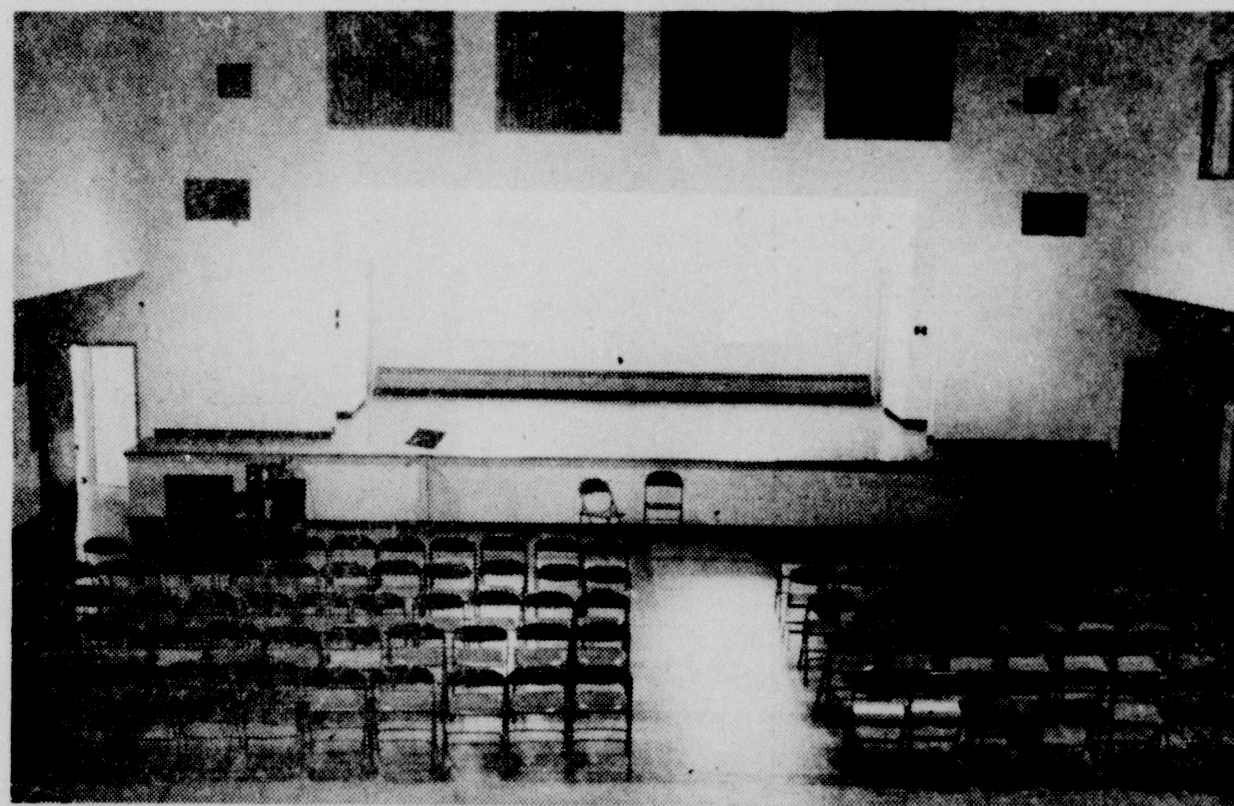
Miss Ann Tate, daughter of Mrs. Marie Tate, Galatia, is presently employed as church secretary. The church office is located directly across the hallway from the pastor's study in the connecting building between the sanctuary and Wesley Center.

### Local Layman Holds Two Important Conference Posts

J. O. Hall, active local church layman, is also serving the Southern Illinois conference in two important capacities. Mr. Hall is Harrisburg District lay leader and Conference Director of Stewardship. He was appointed to both posts by the Bishop and his cabinet.

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WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD officers (Senior Unit) at present are: Front (left to right)—Mrs. Herman Dunn, president; and Mrs. Herbert Dixon, vice president. Back row (left to right)—Miss Mary Richardson, promotion secretary; Mrs. Earl Dabney, treasurer; and Mrs. Paul Tanner, recording secretary. (Register Staff Photo)

## Senior Unit of Wesleyan Service Guild Contributes Active Part in Local Church

"The Wesleyan Service Guild is organized to provide a place in the program of the Methodist Church for the increasing number of adult employed women in each community. It is the official organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for this group."

—Guild Handbook 1937.

In October 1937, at the home of Mrs. J. C. Gasaway, Mrs. Elmer Davis and Mrs. L. N. Davenport met with a group of interested, employed women and the Harrisburg unit of W. S. G. was organized. In 1940, following the unification of the three principal branches of the Methodist Church, the members met on August 30 at the home of Mrs. Virgil Lambert for the purpose of adjourning the old organization and forming the new to conform to the new constitution of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Members were invited to sign the roll of membership to be kept as part of the church's history and twenty-six names were recorded.

The unit has continued to be an active part of the local church, maintaining an average of not less than thirty members. A number who attended the first meeting are still active members. Three from the unit have served as District W. S. G. secretary, Conference W. S. G. secretary, or both—Nelle Lambert, Madge Johnson and Ethel Stain. In 1948, when another unit was organized, this unit was named Senior Unit.

Being interested in local church and community activities as well as missions, the Guild has provided a yearly budget which includes

both, and this budget has been increased from \$125.00 in 1940 to \$420.00 the past year. In addition, proportionate askings of money and supplies for specific needs in the foreign and home fields have been accepted and cared for above the regular budget. Other mission projects in addition to those which are Guild sponsored have received gifts of money and clothing or other supplies.

Included in local church and community activities have been book review teas, remembering sick and shut-in members of the church with calls, cards and gifts, Christmas and cheer baskets, donations to conference church institutions, pledges to church improvement projects and the recent building program, donations to Salvation Army, Red Cross and Santa Claus fund, and the needs for underprivileged children. Testaments were given to women entering service, and volunteer Red Cross work was done by the members during the war years.

The first of the four-fold purpose of the Guild is the enrichment of spiritual life through corporate worship and the encouragement of private devotions, and the use of the Upper Room or other devotional material is suggested for their daily meditation.

Past presidents of the unit have been Ethel Stain, Madge Johnson, Lolo Eddy, Mary Richardson, Bernice Woolcott, and Eleanor Etherington. Present elected officers are: Mrs. Herman Dunn, president; Mrs. Herbert Dixon, vice president; Mrs. Paul Tanner, recording secretary; Mary Richardson, promotion secretary; and Mrs. Earl Dabney, treasurer.

## Several from Local Church Have Entered Ministry Or Work as Missionaries

Several persons have gone out from the local Methodist church to enter the ministry or work as missionaries.

One of the earliest recalled is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Hitch. Rev. Hitch assisted here during the World War I period and his daughter, Alice, was one of the early missionaries to Japan, serving in that country from 1918 to 1920. She now lives in the eastern part of the U. S.

More recent is Louis Youngs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Youngs, who entered the ministry and is now pastor of the Glenn Valley Methodist church, near Indianapolis. Rev. Youngs served in the Southern Illinois conference before moving to Indiana to continue his schooling and preach. He has attended Asbury college and Garrett Institute and is now attending Butler university in addition to serving his charge. He is married and has one child.

The Sheldon Lancasters have a son and a son-in-law in the ministry. Their son, Bert, is supplying the Girard circuit south of Springfield. He and his wife are also students at Blackburn college, Carlinville. Previously, Lancaster served as assistant to the pastor at Carlinville.

The Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Ramsey are serving the Mt. Vernon circuit. Mrs. Ramsey is the former Martha Lancaster. The Lancaster children are remembered locally for their long perfect Sunday school attendance records. Their records

are: Bud, 21 years; Martha, 19 years; Bert, 13 years and Mrs. Charles Chrisman, around 10.

Bill Russell and Leo Darnell, both active in the Methodist church here at one time, are now ministers in Nazarene churches. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Russell, graduated from McKendree and Asbury and is presently pastor of the South Side Nazarene church in Omaha, Neb.

Darnell, son of Mrs. Lem Darnell, Beuna Vista, served Methodist churches in Cairo, Elkhart, West Frankfort and Centralia several years ago before entering evangelistic work. He is now pastor of a Nazarene church in Seymour, Ind. Darnell attended McKendree college.

Ray Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wade, attended McKendree and Wheaton and preached in this area for a while before moving to Arizona. At one time he was pastor of the Methodist church at Omaha. Wade is not now actively engaged in ministerial work, but he assists with boys' work in the community. He is married and has three children.

Robert Nave, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Nave, missionaries for the past 38 years in India, and a nephew of Mrs. James Coleman, Eldorado, was a former missionary to Shahjahanpur, India. Local Methodists helped support his work and stay there. He is now working on his master's degree at Minneapolis, Minn. The senior Rev. Nave spoke here some two years ago and his son was here last year.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward J. Aeschliman, former missionaries in China for 30 years, are now working at Untali, Southern Rhodesia, Africa. Mrs. Aeschliman is the sister of Miss Bernice Patterson and has spoke to the Sunday school here. Dr. Aeschliman teaches in the seminary at Untali and preaches in Hill Top church nearby.

Herschel Cline, son of Mrs. Hannah Sharp, Benton, and brother of Virgil Cline, this city, is another who is in the ministry. Herschel has served the church at Viola, Ill., this past year. He is a graduate of HTS and Illinois Wesleyan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McRee Elrod, presently students at Yale, New Haven, Conn., plan to sail for Seoul, Korea, in July. He will be librarian at Chosen university, in missionary capacity. Mrs. Elrod is the former Norma Cummins, daughter of the present pastor and his wife.

### Church Will Invite Conference Here

When the Southern Illinois conference of the Methodist church convenes for its annual meeting this month in Benton, an invitation will be extended by members of the local church for the conference to be held here next year.

The annual conference has not been held in Harrisburg since 1940. Holding of an annual conference here next year, if approved, would bring the convocation to Harrisburg during the 100th anniversary of Methodism in this community.

## Woman's Society for Christian Service is Member of World Group

### Activity Includes Mission Work in U. S. and Abroad

By Thelma Gasaway

The Methodist women have had their own organizations since the early days of Methodism in Harrisburg. When the church first moved to its present location on Poplar Street, these included the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, the Women's Home Missionary Society, the Ladies' Aid, and the Guild.

The last two named were ones in which the women worked to make money. Without doubt, they used some of their first earnings to make a payment on the Wesley Center, the property at the corner of Webster and Poplar Streets. Very early, also, some of the money was set aside to be placed in a building fund, because the women dreamed of some day worshipping in a new church. At long last they are seeing their dreams fulfilled.

The union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church in 1939, also merged the women's organizations, making just one organization, "The Woman's Society of Christian Service." On August 30, 1940, the local church called for all women to enroll as charter members of this organization. Rev. Roy N. Kean, the pastor, presided at the Charter meeting. Mrs. Kean, Mrs. Elmer Davis, and Mrs. O. E. Connett, the wife of a former pastor, assisted in this program.

One hundred twenty-two women were enrolled as Charter members. The first officers were: president, Mrs. Elmer Davis; vice president, Mrs. Robert Melven; assistant vice president, Mrs. John Schwartz, recording secretary, Mrs. C. W. Whitley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wm. Wendling; treasurer, Mrs. Charles H. Thompson.

Other officers elected to serve with them were Mrs. H. O. Buell, Mrs. C. M. Jones, Mrs. C. E. Wing, Mrs. L. N. Davenport, Mrs. O. E. Wood, Mrs. T. D. Gregg, Miss Bernice Patterson, Mrs. Homer Wade, Mrs. Captola Melton, Mrs. E. L. Norman, Mrs. Ada Favreau, Mrs. John Rhodes, Mrs. Dan Ludlow, Mrs. J. W. Berry, Mrs. Daisy Raley, Mrs. Frank P. Skaggs, Sr., Mrs. Jess Dorris, Mrs. Ed Gaskins, Mrs. E. M. Travelstead, and Mrs. C. L. Petty.

The local society is a member of the World Federation of Methodist Women, in which there are four million members in thirty-four units around the world. Likewise, the society is a member of the City Council of Church Women and participates in its three yearly programs—World Community Day, World Day of Prayer, and May Fellowship Day.

Activity of the Woman's society include mission work in the United States and in all twenty-eight countries abroad, where the organization has projects. These include hospitals and clinics, children's homes, elementary and high schools, homes for retired mission workers, community centers, and schools and hospitals and work among the American Indians. Approximately \$1,000.00 is spent yearly for this work by the local society.

About \$2000.00 of the average annual budget is spent on local church work and community projects. In the Christian Social Relation work, in the community, the society, for a number of years, furnished glasses for the underprivileged children in the city schools, and is still cooperating in helping to furnish clothing for these children. It has also given assistance in their homes when requests have come from the school authorities. Each year, contributions have been made to the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Santa Claus Fund, and the Polio Drive. The Christian Social Relations secretary and her committee, continually, work to keep members informed about the important issues in the State Legislature and in the United States Congress. They also do very effective work in local issues, such as local option.

For a number of years the Woman's Society helped to keep the old Wesley Center building in good condition by adding new floors, drapes, and kitchen furniture. Other purchases include the grand piano. In the past six years the society has paid \$7,400.00 on the new parsonage and new church buildings, and is now furnishing the kitchen in the new Wesley Center (education building) with new equipment.

Beside two monthly meetings, the society conducts study classes which include four books, selected for use, on topics of spiritual life, home and foreign missions, and Christian social relations. The women also sponsor classes for children and Friendship classes for teenage girls who study missionary material. The local organization attends and is a part of the Conference Mission School held one week each summer at McKendree college. The instructors for the classes held come from all sections of the Midwest. This year the study, "Indian Americans" will be taught by a member of our church, Miss Bernice Patterson, an English teacher at HTS.

Past presidents of the society are Mrs. Elmer Davis, Mrs. John Schwartz, Mrs. Frank P. Skaggs, Sr., Mrs. A. F. Lentz, Mrs. C. L. Travis, Mrs. Harry Border, Mrs. C. E. Wing, Mrs. Wm. Douglas, and Mrs. Herman Schwartz.

The local society has always had members on both the District and Conference Committees. Now they have been honored by the election of Mrs. L. N. Davenport as Youth Secretary to the Jurisdiction, which comprises eight of the North Central states of our nation. Southern Illinois Conference officers are Mrs. C. L. Travis and Mrs. C. E. Wing. Harrisburg District officers are Mrs. John Schwartz and Mrs. J. C. Gasaway.

At present the membership is two hundred and thirty. The officers for the present year are: President, Mrs. Gus Syers; vice president, Mrs. John Schwartz; re-

recording secretary, Mrs. J. O. Hall, and treasurer, Mrs. Wm. L. Tate. Other officers serving with them are Mrs. R. L. Foster, Mrs. J. C. Gasaway, Mrs. Arthur Moore, Mrs. E. M. Lasersohn, Mrs. W. J. Cooley, Mrs. V. V. Brown, Mrs. Harold Parker, Mrs. C. L. Travis, Mrs. Gordon Guard, Mrs. Raymond Chase, Mrs. C. E. Wing, Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Mrs. Harry Border, Mrs. Coy Hood, and Mrs. Gladys Gibbs.

Officers just elected to serve the first year in the new church, June 1955-May 1956 are: President, Mrs. J. A. Bottomley, vice president, Mrs. John Schwartz, recording secretary, Mrs. E. Bishop Hill, and treasurer, Mrs. Wm. L. Tate. Other officers who will serve this first year are Mrs. B. E. Montgomery, Mrs. Harold Parker, Mrs. Herman Schwartz, Mrs. Harry Border, Mrs. Bill Brashers, Mrs. R. L. Foster, Mrs. C. E. Wing, Mrs. C. E. Combe, Mrs. J. O. Hall, Mrs. Donald O'Neal, Mrs. V. V. Brown, Mrs. Arthur Moore, Mrs. Ray Durham, Mrs. H. E. Jones, and Mrs. Lloyd Cox.

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# Youth Program Developed from Earliest Days of Local Church

## Hope to Organize Recreation Program At Wesley Center

By Mrs. L. N. Davenport & Miss Mary Richardson

Since the beginning of Methodism, wherever there has been a church, there has been a program for youth, even though the methods have changed through the years. In the very early days of the Harrisburg Methodist church, there were those who gave their time and talents to the joy of helping inspire and train young people to greater spiritual lives.

It is very difficult to find accurate records of those who helped build the youth program, because in the earliest days of the church the minister and his wife had the greater responsibility.

When plans for the church building, erected in 1902-03, were being formulated, one of the most active workers with youth was Mrs. Mollie Willford who through her untiring efforts helped to procure money for a memorial stained glass window depicting Jesus with the children. On this window, which was placed in the south wall of the main sanctuary, were the names of 108 children, whose parents paid one dollar for each name.

In addition to her many other church duties, Mrs. Willford was superintendent of the Junior League. It is recalled that the usual attendance of this group was a hundred or more and covered the ages of the smallest tots, who were taught their catechism, up to the older children. They met on Sunday afternoons at the church.

At one time in the first quarter of this century, groups known as the "Queen Esther's," "Light Bearers," and "King Hearlds," were very active. These were under

the direction of the Women's Foreign Missionary society. Mrs. C. A. Taylor and many other women of the church gave much time and ability to these ventures.

The Epworth League, which had its beginning in 1889, was not particularly related to the rest of the youth in the Sunday school. It was a separate organization, directed and led entirely by young adults. Their meetings were held on Tuesday evenings at the church. Some of the most active in the early years were Elsie Thompson, Clarence E. Wills, Charlie Guard, Emma Guard, Ida Cannon, Jessie Richardson, Cora Grisham, Lena Wilgus and Ralph Horning. Mr. Horning, as one of the early presidents, was sent as a representative to the Epworth League conference at Vienna, Ill.

A complete record of the years which followed cannot be found, but in the years 1909-12, when the minister was the Rev. Reshio Robertson, the names of his daughters, Ina and Blanch Robertson, Letha Jett, Alice Parish, Marie McKelrick and Reba Gaskins, Mamie and Pearl Reel, and Bertha Fox are recalled as being active workers. In the period 1912-16, Miss Edith Thrall, daughter of the Rev. L. W. Thrall and a deaconess, was a leader of youth.

O. E. Barter was president from 1914-15, and Madge Thompson was president from 1915-21. Through this span of years such names as Gaynelle Mallonee, Verna and Lester Huffman, Mildred Parish, Jack Davenport, Harry Reed, Velma Stallions, Ina and Vivian Jenkins, Grace Hall, Elie Render, Mary Richardson, Cora Viers, are recalled to mind. Later, from 1923-25, Cora and Vera Whitlock, daughters of the Rev. W. H. Whitlock, were active.

Another outstanding worker with young people was Mrs. Grace Baker. The first presentation of plays



**OFFICERS OF MYF**—The senior and intermediate Youth Fellowship groups meet each Sunday evening. Present officers of the groups are: Intermediate group (front row, left to right)—Janet Hall, president; Carol Ann Butler, secretary; Robert Harmon, vice president; Marilyn Brown, treasurer, and Mary Gibbs, MYF fund treasurer. Miss Mary Richardson is sponsor of this group. Officers of the senior group (back row, left to right) are: Harold Guard, treasurer; Jane Lasersohn, Christian Outreach, Sara Cummins, Christian Faith and Citizenship; Sandra Butler, secretary; and Oren Brown, president. Other officers of the senior group, not present when photograph was taken are Judy Morse, Judy Belt, Patsy Foster and Fred Kinnaman. Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Davenport are sponsors of the senior group. (Register Staff Photo)

and special programs were given under her direction.

At the time that Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lambert served as sponsors of the Sunday evening group, the camp programs were being developed. The young people were sent to Beulah camp, near Eldorado, for a week of study and recreation. A two-story cabin was built to accommodate the Harrisburg group. In the years which followed, scores of local youth found Christ as their Saviour while attending Beulah camp.

Then, in December 1941, came the organization of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. This was the natural outgrowth of the three churches of Methodism. The MYF was to be BY and FOR youth with an age limit of 12 to 23. All

youths who are enrolled in the Sunday school are automatically members of the Fellowship.

Across the USA and in many foreign countries where Methodists have organized churches, there are MYF's. There are two million young people in 40,000 churches who share this fellowship and support the Methodist Youth Fund which sustains missionary projects around the world. Each year the young people of the church pledge to this fund and each person pays to his pledge.

In addition to the pledge to the MYF fund, the groups work in the "Booth Festival," a conference project which helps support the Children's home, Old Folk's home, Holden hospital at Carbondale and Alton Memorial hospital at Alton

his wife, as sponsor of the Intermediate MYF group. The Reeds left Harrisburg in 1949, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gates became the sponsors. When the latter group moved away the present sponsor took over.

At the present time the church has a very active MYF. The young people meet on Sunday morning. The youth superintendent is Mrs. L. N. Davenport with Mrs. C. E. Wing as teacher of the seventh and eighth grades; Mrs. O. R. Brown, teacher of eighth grade; Mrs. J. O. Hall, teacher of freshmen; and Mrs. Herbert Peak, teacher of a high school group. Two new youth classes are scheduled to be organized in May.

The youth also meet Sunday evening for fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Davenport are sponsors of the senior group and Miss Mary Richardson is sponsor of the intermediates. There is a newly-organized youth choir.

Present officers of the Senior MYF are Oren Brown, president; Judy Morse, vice president; Sandra Butler, secretary; Harold Guard, treasurer; Sara Cummins, Christian faith and Christian citizenship; Judy Belt, Christian witness; Jane Lasersohn, Christian Outreach; Patsy Foster and Fred Kinnaman, Christian fellowship.

Intermediate officers are Janet Hall, president; Robert Harmon, vice president; Carol Ann Butler, secretary; Marilyn Brown, treasurer; Mary Gibbs, MYF fund treasurer. The young people are very proud of the fine new church and are planning great things. They hope to organize a recreation program for youth at Wesley Center.

Through the cooperation and help of the church, the parents, teachers, counsellors and pastor, it is

## Methodists to Consecrate Edifice

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cial musical numbers will be presented by a men's quartet. Members of the men's group will also perform other parts of the program.

### Communion Service

Wednesday night an impressive and meaningful Communion service, first to be conducted in the new church, will be the program. The Rev. W. L. Cummins will direct this service.

An excellent service has been planned by the women of the church for Thursday night. Mrs. John Schwartz, chairman of the WSCS program committee, is in charge of arrangements. Speaker for the evening will be the WSCS conference president, Mrs. W. A. McCracken, Greenville, Ill.

Others on the program will be Mrs. E. H. Klein, Mt. Vernon, district WSCS president, who will give the prayer, and Mrs. George Guard, Equality, district secretary, who will present the devotionals. Mrs. Herman Dunn, Wesleyan Service Guild president, will pronounce the benediction.

Mrs. L. N. Davenport, secretary of Youth in the North Central Jurisdiction, and Mrs. C. L. Travis, retiring secretary of the conference, both local women, will provide special music. Mrs. Robert Norman, at the organ, and Mrs. Harold Parker, at the piano, will also give special music during the worship program.

Family night is planned for Friday, May 13. This will be a carry-over of the hope and prayer that there will be a more vital program for the future of the church—the Youth



Mrs. William Stain

Mrs. William Stain has served faithfully in the capacity of church finance secretary for the past 20 years. She accepted the post in September 1934 and, with the exception of a six month period when the duties were handled by Bob Norman, has worked diligently at the task to the present.

All the pastors under whom she has served have been high in their praise of her thoroughness, competency and dependability.

Besides serving as church finance secretary, a post she plans to relinquish this year, she has headed the Wesleyan Service Guild, Senior Unit, and the Vacation Bible school in recent years.

In dinner in the fellowship hall of Wesley Center. An informal program of entertainment will follow the meal. Exact time of this program will be announced later. There will be no services on Saturday evening.

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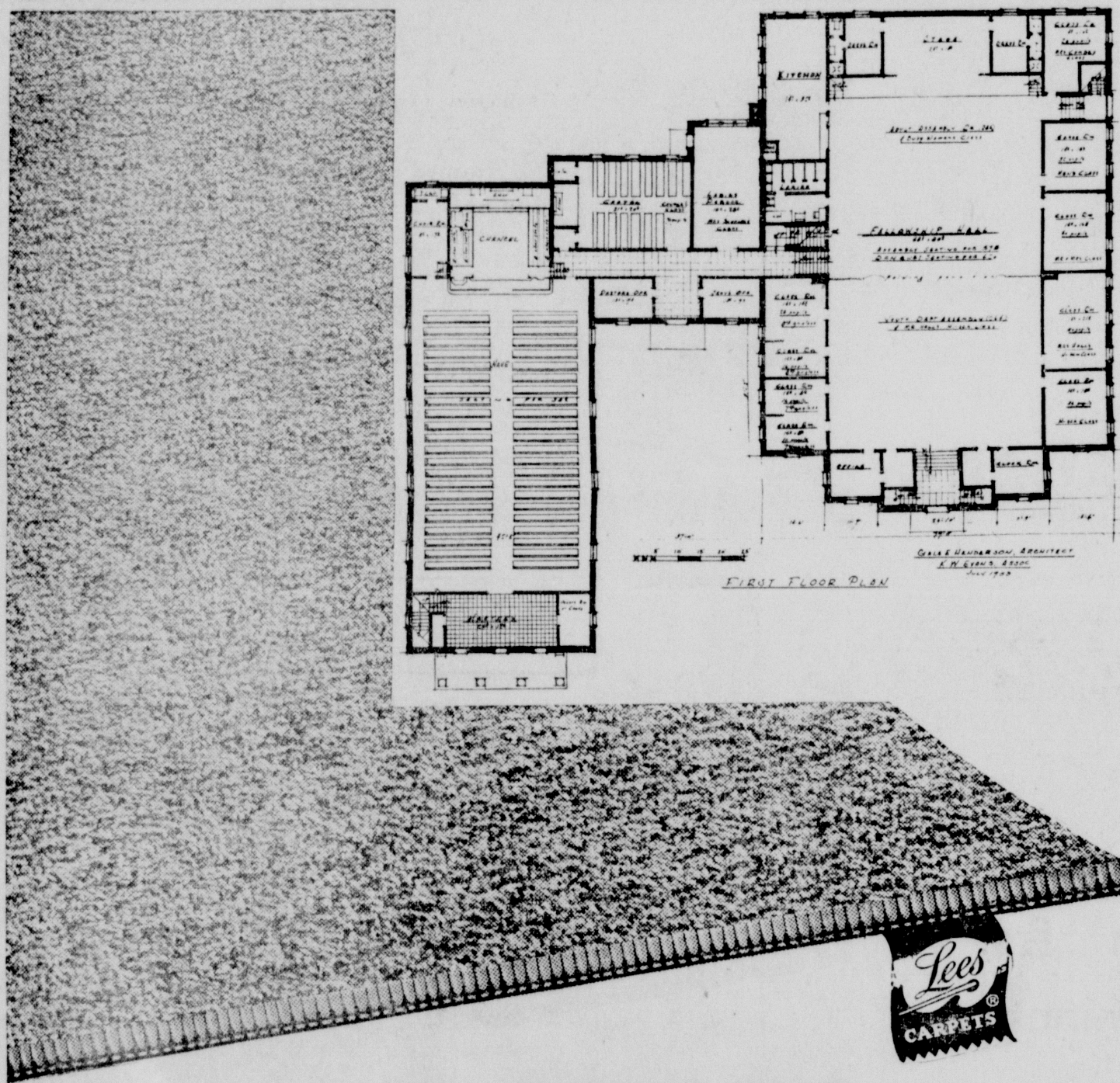
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The new education building will provide facilities for the Vacation Church schools, which are an important part in the training of the children and the youth. Under the general supervision of a Director, plans are arranged for work, study, worship and play for the boys and girls during June when they are eager for something to do and have freer time. The leaders are chosen as carefully as the Sunday school teachers are and in time for individual study and planning with other workers.

Prior to 1954 the schools were called Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and the Director's title was General Superintendent. Courses are planned for Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate ages. The Board of Education of this church used the course last year of "The Church," which is part of the six-year cycle of study recommended by the Division of Education of the National Council of Churches. It followed the children will study in 1955—Personal and Group Relations, 1956—The Bible, 1957—Wider Relationships, 1958—Jesus, 1959—God, and in 1960—The Church. By attending each year the pupils will receive an interesting experience in the study course.

One of the very earliest Daily Vacation Bible Schools was directed by Mrs. W. H. Whitlock about 1925.

Since that time many teachers have given time to this work. Some of the directors have been the Deaconesses who were here for periods of service. Others were Mrs. O. E. Connett, Mrs. L. N. Davenport, Mrs. Virgil Lambert, Mrs. William Stain, Mrs. Ruth Peak, Mrs. J. O. Hall, Mrs. Paul Tanner, Wilma Gidcomb, Mrs. Nadine (Finley) Rich, and Mrs. Ray Johnson. Many member of the church have given valuable assistance in all phases of the work, including transportation, refreshments, music, taking movies, etc.

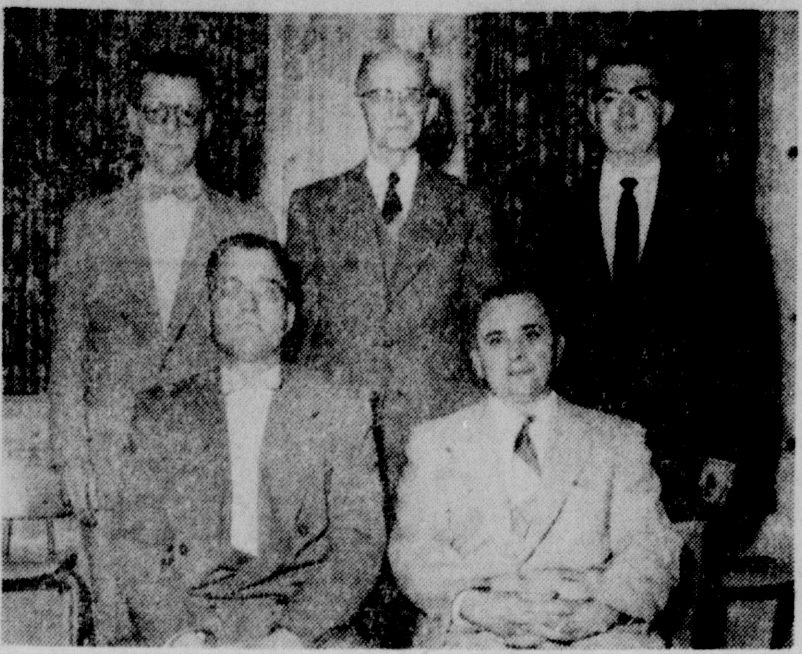
Prior to the earlier schools, when there were not so many cars on the highways, parades in which the children participated were held. Sometimes there would be a picnic at the close of the school, sometimes a program, and lately a get-together of the parents, workers and children. In recent years, audio-visuals in the form of filmstrips and movies have been used in connection with the lessons. Record players for the younger pupils have been helpful.



Herbert Peak

Present Sunday school superintendent, Herbert Peak has served in this capacity for the past four years. He also held the post prior to World War II. He is a member of the Board of Stewards.

Attend the Church  
Of Your Choice



METHODIST MEN have formed a new layman's group recently and several projects are being planned. Officers of the newly formed group are: Front row (left to right)—Ned Presson, vice chairman, and Don Williams, chairman. Back row (left to right)—Harold Parker, treasurer; H. E. Jones, secretary, and John W. Biggers, promotion secretary.

Mr. Jones is a past Sunday school superintendent, having served during World War I years and afterwards. He is also currently chairman of the Campaign Continuation committee. (Register Staff Photo)

## Special Planning In New Building For Children

Teaching Program Presents Challenge To Continue Heritage

By Mrs. Ray Johnson  
"Where there is no vision the people will perish."

In building the new church the members truly had a vision for the future of the children. They were intent upon surrounding the boys and girls with an atmosphere that would make them love their church.

The entire second floor of the new Wesley Center (the education building) is occupied by the children of the junior, primary, kindergarten, and nursery groups. The facilities provide separate assemblies for each group, separate classrooms for all ages, cloakrooms, and wide corridors.

Special attention has been given floor coverings for beauty and wear. The lighting effects have been particularly planned for the enjoyment of the students. Display boards and other necessary equipment have been provided. For the very young babies six new combination beds-and-play pens have been purchased.

At the present time the superintendent of the children's division is Mrs. Ray Johnson, who has filled that office several years. She is assisted in the various departments by the following:

Nursery: Mrs. Lloyd Cox and Mrs. Wayne Brown.  
Kindergarten: Mrs. Gladys Gibbs, Mrs. Ted Wolfe, Mrs. Clel and Cotton, and Mrs. Bert Gaskins, Jr.

Primary: Mrs. Walter Cummins, Mrs. Paul Tanner, Mrs. Harold Clarke, and Mrs. George Sutton.  
Junior: Mr. E. N. Russier (4th grade), Mr. Bob Norman (5th grade), Mrs. Glenn Wallace and Mrs. Arthur Moore (6th grade).

It will not be possible to name all teachers of previous years, but many have implanted in the minds of girls and boys the ideals and attitudes that have determined the kind of church and community we have today.

After the Sunday school was divided into departments the following filled the offices of superintendents: Mrs. C. Leslie Martin (formerly Mildred Parish), Mrs. G. F. Huffman, Mrs. Mollie Gaskins, Mrs. D. B. Harvey, and Mrs. Thos. L. Ozmert in the primary group; Mrs. Eugene Morris, Mrs. Herbert Peak, Mrs. N. N. McKeel, and Misses Ada and Ruth Campbell in the kindergarten group. Other teachers were Mrs. Joe Gaul, Mrs. Virgil Lambert, Mrs.

## Church Feels Effects of New Men's Group

By John Biggers

The new Methodist church will soon feel the "effects" of the Methodist Men, an organization recently established by all the men of the church. In fact, this group was founded with the idea in mind to lighten the load of the women of the church, becoming one of 7,000 such groups in the United States.

The Methodist Men formally organized in December, 1954, and since that time they have met monthly with visiting speakers. Due to the lack of a church building, meetings were held in the Junior high school little theatre or at the Presbyterian church.

At the organizational meeting in December the men elected Don Williams their chairman, or president, for the first year. Other officers are Ned Presson, vice-chairman; H. E. Jones, secretary; Harold Parker, treasurer; and John Biggers, promotion chairman.

The men also approved a list of 15 active committees consisting of more than 100 members, with a chairman heading each committee. Some of the committees are in charge of the following activities: evangelism, visitation of new people in the city, visitation of shut-ins, visitation of unfiliated persons, organizing youth activities, such as a youth choir, which is now underway, and promotion of Sunday school activities.

A constitution and by-laws have been approved, setting out the purposes and functions of the organization, and the authorized Methodist Men's charter has been received from the national committee of the Methodist Church.

The men will help furnish the new church education building with the proper facilities, and it is hoped that the Methodist Men will have their own meeting place and office in the new building.

The organization will get off to a big start for its first year, as several projects have been suggested, some of which are already in progress. Under the direction of Bill Williams and Marshall Cothran a youth choir for the church has been organized, with around 30 members. This choir, outfitted in beautiful new robes, sang for the first service in the new church on Easter morning.

Other proposed projects include a boy scout troop, "Secret Pals," club for grade school boys, which will encourage church attendance and interest for that age group, church clean-up, recreational facilities for the new Wesley Center, and Sunday school promotion. Rev. W. L. Cummins has remarked that this new group of the local Methodist Men can cause the church to grow, and he has stated that "These men can do just about anything they wish in the work of the Kingdom."

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Of Your Choice  
Every Sunday

## Black Coating Protects Steeple

The black coating which presently covers the steeple and cross of the new Methodist church will in time wear away, leaving the true copper, of which it is constructed. Contractors reveal that the black

coating was necessary in the beginning to permit the copper to cure correctly and to withstand the elements in the future years.

Only the United States and New Zealand have a generally established 40-hour work week; a 48-hour work week prevails in most other industrial nations.

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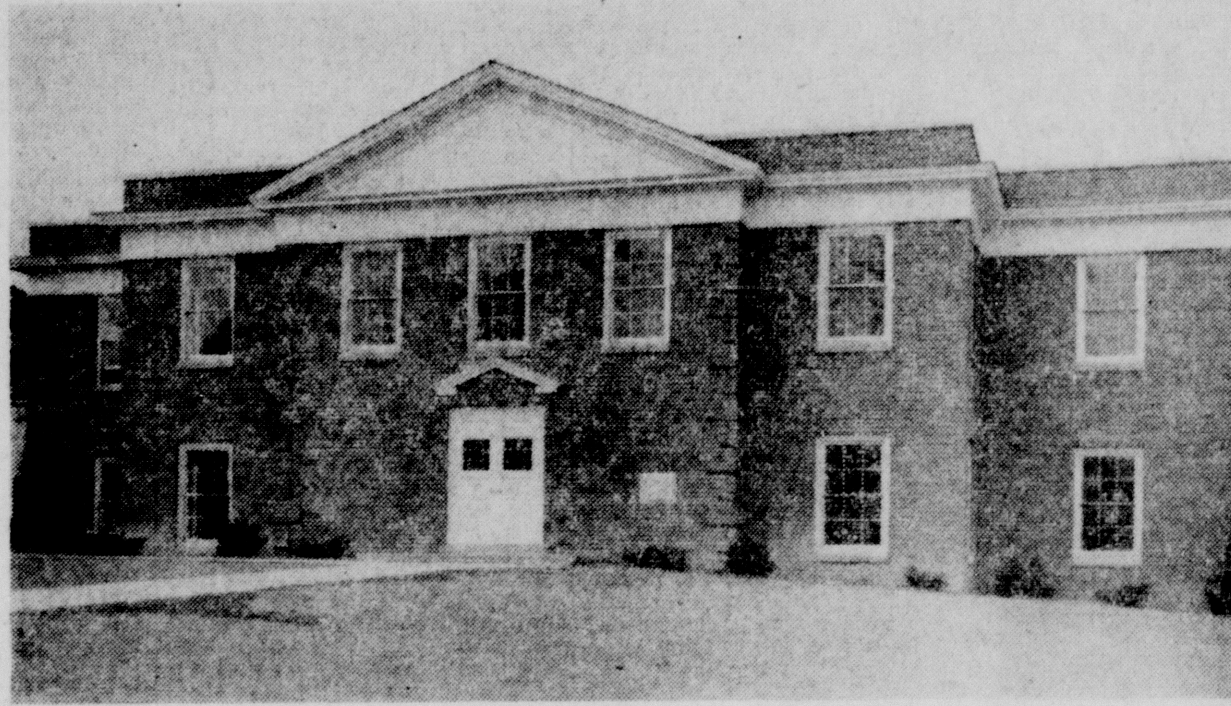
The highest pay for workers in any major American industrial division goes to transportation workers, notes a forthcoming Twentieth Century Fund report.

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Congratulations First Methodist



# Seven Classes of Active Members In Adult Dep't of Sunday School

Busy Women, Busy Men, Kupples Class, Susanna Wesley, Mr. and Mrs., Myrtle Combe, Young Adults Compose Groups

Compiled by Raymond Foster  
The Adult department of the First Methodist church school consists of seven classes. These are the Busy Women's Bible class, taught by Mrs. Robert Melven; the Kupples Class, taught by Miss Bernice Patterson; the Susanna Wesley Class, taught by Mrs. Madge Schwartz; the Mr. and Mrs. Class, taught by L. N. Davenport; the Myrtle Combe's Class, taught by Mrs. Combe; and the Young Adult Class, taught by Mr. J. O. Hall.

Raymond Foster is superintendent of the Adult division.  
The Busy Women's Bible class originated as the Ladies' class in 1906 and met in the pastor's study with the pastor, J. H. Jones as teacher.

Later, the Rev. House became the teacher and after the group moved to the Ladies' parlor it was taught by Mrs. Robertson, the pastor's wife and by Mrs. Mollie Willford.

After the organ was installed, the class occupied the rear of the sanctuary where it was taught by J. W. Coker and P. S. Parish. During Rev. Whitlock's pastorate the class was moved to the upstairs part of "Parish Brick" and was organized as the Busy Women's Bible class, Mrs. Whitlock being the teacher.

When Rev. Connitt was pastor the class was moved to the Epworth League room and Mother



Mrs. C. E. Combe

A teacher in the Sunday school for more than 30 years, Mrs. C. E. Combe has established an enviable record. An excellent teacher and Bible student, Mrs. Combe has directed the same class—which now bears the name of the Myrtle Combe class—throughout the three decades. Mrs. Combe has served as church organist for a while and is presently chairman of the church history committee.

Brown became the teacher. Succeeding teachers were Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Maggie Jones, Mr. Robert Melven and Mrs. Melven.

For nearly twenty years the class has been helping provide scholarships for religious and educational training of needy and worthy boys of India.

In 1906 the average attendance was eight members on Sunday, April 17, 1955, there were forty-one in attendance.

The Susanna Wesley class has been in existence about thirty years. Several members enrolled there were Mrs. Charles Swartz, Mrs. Ada Reese and Mrs. Elmer Davis. The present teacher is Mrs. John Schwartz who has taught the class for fourteen years.

Six years ago the members decided to name their class the Susanna Wesley class in honor of the mother of John and Charles Wesley. Their class motto is "We are co-laborers together with God."

Class officers at the present time are assistant teachers, Mrs. Edna Cox and Mrs. J. A. Bottomley; president, Mrs. Ed Cummins; vice president, Mrs. Eleanor Blades; secretary, Mrs. Harlev Shepherd; treasurer, Mrs. Lola Robb, courtsey, Mrs. Coy Brown.

All thirty members now enrolled are active workers in the church and several have had perfect attendance records. Six members of the class are now teaching in the children's division and others are substitute teachers. The Cradle roll enrollment is a responsibility of the class.

The class has undertaken many church benefit projects through the years. Its pledge to the new building fund was \$500 of which \$400 has already been paid. The class expects to share the responsibility of furnishing the new church parish and will probably hold its own meeting there when it is finished.

Generous offerings are made regularly to world service, missionaries and to youth work. Mrs. Cummins, the president, and other members assumed the responsibility of getting new and renewal subscriptions to the church paper, "The Christian Advocate."

The class meets in the homes of its members for their monthly business and social meetings, enjoying rich fellowship together. Family nights with picnics and potluck dinners are held several times a year.

The class extends an invitation to all who are not affiliated with another class to join with them in the study of the word of God and to grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord and Master in order that we may truly be co-laborers together with Him.

The Kupples Class was organized in 1938 with Mrs. A. H. Favreau as the teacher and with only five couples as members. The name was suggested by Mrs. Roy N. Keen, wife of the pastor, and the first officers to be selected were

Dan Bradlow as president and Lenore Bushears as secretary-treasurer.

Among others who have served as president are Mrs. C. L. Travis, William Stain, Harry Reed, Otis Youngs, and Eli Lasersohn.

Nearly 100 couples have been or are at present affiliated with the class and former members are known to live in Indiana, Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas, South Carolina, and in Japan. The class has contributed to practically all general projects of the church and Sunday school. It has contributed motion picture and sound equipment for the visual education program of the church. Since 1947, it has been providing a scholarship for a native boy of Africa, and recently it has contributed generously to building of the new sanctuary, including the purchase of the evergreens in honor of Miss Patterson, the present teacher.

The Kupples Class is happy to have had the opportunity to labor together for the advancement of the Kingdom of God and anticipates serving the Master in the years that are to come.

Mr. Hall's class was organized in the spring of 1948. It was intended for those who were beyond high school age but not old enough to feel at home in the Kupples Class.

The class first met in the old Wesley Center building but moved several times as the enrollment increased and finally occupied the basement room of the church after it had been cleaned and decorated by class members.

The class presents a white Bible to each member at the time of their marriage.

Among money-making projects are "jintney suppers" and the sale of "Wesley Center" plates. The class pledged \$300 to the new building fund of which more than one-half has been paid. Through the efforts and interest of Mr. Hall, the membership has increased to about fifty young men and women.

A story concerning the history and activities of the Busy Men's Bible class may be found elsewhere in this section.

The Mr. and Mrs. Class is taught by Louis Davenport. It was organized in 1948, as a class for young married couples.

Past presidents of the group have been Hillis Stokes, Ted Wolfe, Mrs. Harold Parker, Mrs. Ted Wolfe, Jack Davenport and Otis Hickey.

The class has a membership of approximately thirty-five.

Besides having monthly socials, the class has occasional money making projects. Recently, the class sponsored a preview of the new building in conjunction with a tea to help raise money for their pledge to the new building.

In June 1951, Mrs. Myrtle C. Combe was asked to teach a group of high school seniors and juniors and has continued as teacher to the present time.

Mrs. Charles A. Taylor and Mrs.

## Commission on Education Plans Full Use of Facilities of New Building

By John Woolcott  
No other institution in the American community attempts to provide educational resources and activities for as wide a range of ages as the church.

From the time that the Methodist church was first organized in Harrisburg, the Sunday school has been an important part of its work. Although detailed records of the history are not available, events recalled by some who have always been very active in its affairs remind us that the Sunday school prior to the turn of the century played an active role in community life.

Then the Sunday school (and church) was a congregation of families rather than of individuals, for the social life and almost all activities were church centered. Restrictions imposed by "one-room" churches were conducive to a family type function. The congregation would be divided into perhaps 5 groups—one in the pulpit or platform and one in the room of the four corner of the room.

The Sunday school served as a means to strengthen the cultural background of the community. Music was not taught in the schools, and the church and Sunday school were means of obtaining this culture. Literature was another phase of culture that was partially supplied for there is no literature superior to that of the Bible.

In 1903, a new Methodist church provided more classroom space to enable the different departments of the Sunday school gradually to

be organized and graded literature to be used. This was in keeping with the modern trend.

Through the years there have been peaks in interest and Sunday school attendance. Some remember two outstanding periods, one in 1915-1916 just after the Burke and Hobbs revival, and the other during the 2nd year of the ministry of the Reverend W. H. Whitlock, about 1924.

The Sunday school has in recent times become a church school. Church school is a covering term and includes all the educational agencies of the local church for which the Commission on Education is responsible.

These agencies are: The Sunday school, additional sessions for children on Sunday afternoon and through the week, the evening meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the evening meeting of the Young Adult Fellowship, classes and groups of youth or adults meeting on week days, Learning for Life Schools, forums, seminars, training classes, vacation church school, nursery department, and home department.

In speaking on the subject of Christian Education in the local church at the General Conference held in San Francisco in 1952, Bishop Paul B. Kern in the Episcopal Address stated: "The Methodist Church cannot get its task done without the church school. It is dependent in a large measure upon the church school for the dissemination of knowledge about the Bible and for the stimulation of all phases of our Christian program in the local church, the community, and in world affairs."

The Commission on Education was established by the General Conference which reorganized the work of the board of education to the following plan:

The membership of the Commission on Education is made up of three groups: (1) ex-officio members, (2) representatives of other organizations, and (3) members at large.

The duties of the Commission on Education are to study and provide for the educational needs of the church in the following areas: the church school, counsel opportunities for youth and adults, the enlisting and training of officers, teachers and counselors, observance of special days and occasions, and study groups in marriage and Christian homemaking.

The Commission on Education is contemplating an extended use of the new facilities in Wesley Center as an aid to fulfilling the ambitions of the program outlined by the General Conference.

Present members of the Com-

mission on Education are: Members at Large: Mrs. Paul Tanner, Mrs. Herbert Peak, Mrs. R. W. Melven. Ex-Officio Members: Rev. W. L. Cummins, pastor; Herbert Peak, church school superintendent; John Woolcott, chairman, Commission on Education; Madge Johnson, Children's Division su-

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perintendent; Mrs. L. N. Davenport, Youth Division superintendent; R. L. Foster, Adult Division superintendent; and Mrs. Harold of Thaxton, MYF representative; Parker, assistant superintendent Harry Horning, church lay leader.

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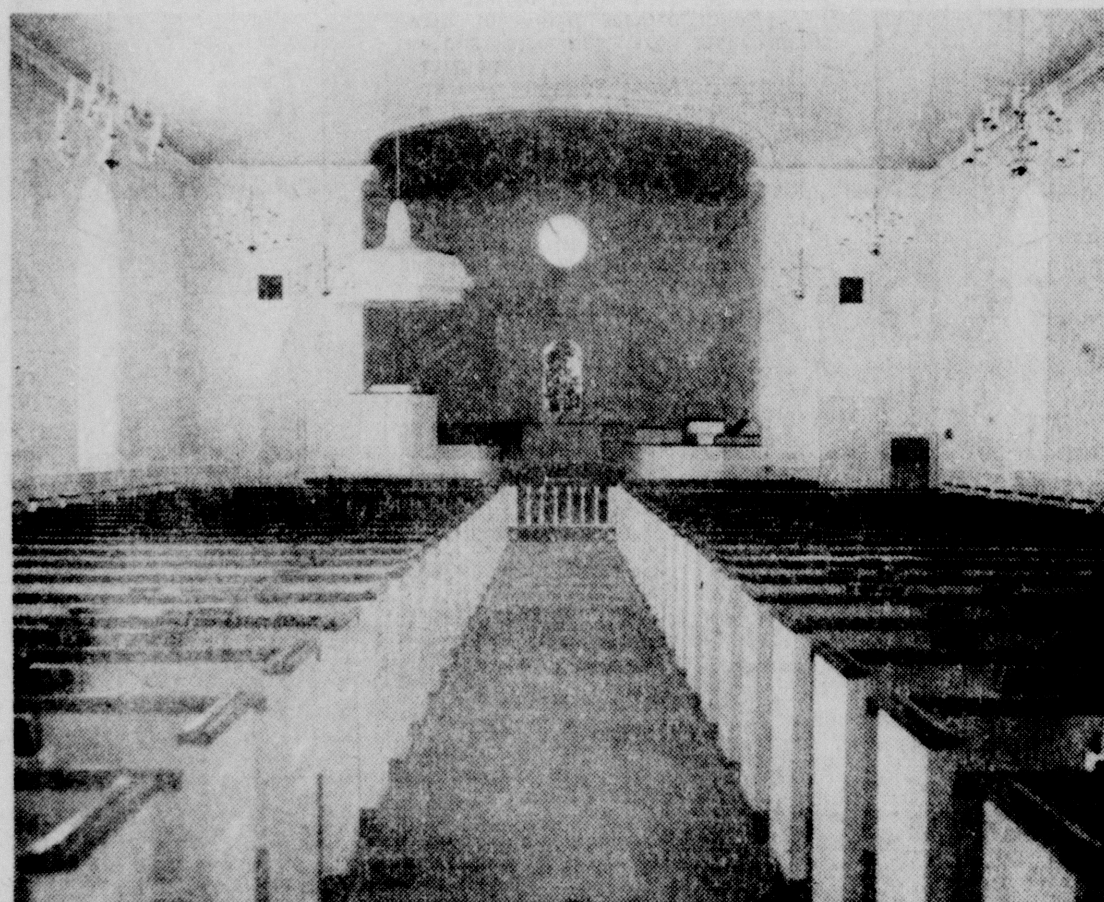
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## ORGANIZE METHODIST CHURCH HERE IN 1856

### Mrs. Carrie McCormick, 84, Oldest Member

Membership Dates  
Back to 1882;  
Recalls Early Days

Mrs. Carrie McCormick, widow of the late T. R. McCormick, is believed to be the oldest living member of the Harrisburg Methodist church. Mrs. McCormick, who resides at 115 W. Poplar Street, is now 84. Her membership dates from the year 1882.

In glancing backward over the span of time and memory, Mrs. McCormick recalls coming to Harrisburg at the age of seven with her parents, James and Rachel (Roark) Cannon and other members of the family in the year 1877. The Cannons moved to this community from the Sulphur Springs neighborhood.

J. R. Reef was serving as pastor of the Harrisburg Methodist church then and the church building was located on South Vine Street.

Mrs. McCormick describes the interior of that church as having two large stoves (now referred to as old "pot-bellied stoves") on either side of the room, pews and pulpit furniture common of that day and oil lamps.

She remembers the lamps well, for often as a young girl she helped to fill them. A Mr. Page served as janitor of the church during one period, she recalls, and he lived in the house next to the church which had formerly been a school building.

Mrs. McCormick also recalls being a member of the choir in her youth. Choir rehearsals, she added, were often held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Renfro. Their daughter, Mrs. Taylor Ferguson, was organist. When the group met at the Renfro home, she said E. W. Renfro, a son, usually held the lamp so his sister could read the music, the group gathering close around the organ.

Her father, Mr. Cannon, served as a class leader many years. Several present members still remember Mr. Cannon and describe him as a fine Christian gentleman and an excellent class leader.

Sunday school at the Methodist church on South Vine Street was held for many years in the afternoon, Mrs. McCormick relates. She said it was not uncommon for her to attend Sunday school at the Baptist church, then located where the Rude garage is now, in the mornings and the Methodist in the afternoon.

The Methodist minister in that day often served another charge along with Harrisburg, she said, preaching here every other Sunday.

Mr. McCormick was a trustee of the local church for a great many years, and Mrs. McCormick has been a member of the Board of Stewards and active in the women's society.

During the construction of the new brick church on West Poplar Street in 1902-03, Mrs. McCormick says the Methodists worshipped in the Cumberland Presbyterian church building then located on the northwest corner at Jackson and Poplar Streets. The building on Vine Street was sold, she recalls, requiring the move into temporary quarters. Fortunately for the Methodists, the Cumberland church was not being used at that time.

When the church membership considered the purchase of the Parish property, where the old Wesley Center building stood and where the new sanctuary stands today, in 1923, she relates that the Ladies Aid assumed half of the \$18,000 debt, and after paying off their half, helped with the remainder. The ladies worked hard, she declared, serving dinners, staging bazzars and many other projects.

Mrs. McCormick resided in the 100 block on West Poplar when the church of 1903 was constructed, and she saw it rise from the ground, then worshipped and served in it for half a century. Last year she watched its destruction with mixed emotion. It was hard to see it go, she admits, for it held many memories, both sad and happy.

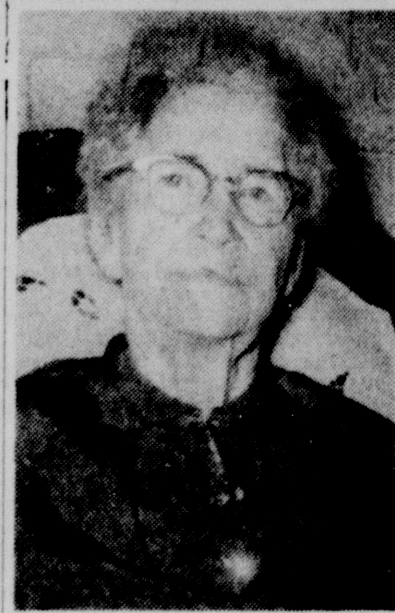
During the past year she has "supervised" the construction of the new building from her window across the street and has seen the hallowed ground give birth to a mighty new fortress for God's work.

What are her sentiments concerning the new building? Well, she expressed it this way, with great feeling:

"It's just wonderful, isn't it? I never dreamed it could be done. It didn't seem possible. But I am happy to have lived to see it. It's just wonderful!"

### Early Church Pictured

An anniversary edition of the Harrisburg Chronicle, dated October 28, 1898, gives a review of Saline County's industrial and mineral wealth, pictures outstanding citizens of that day and in one photograph shows the churches of the community. The Methodist church on Vine Street is among those shown.

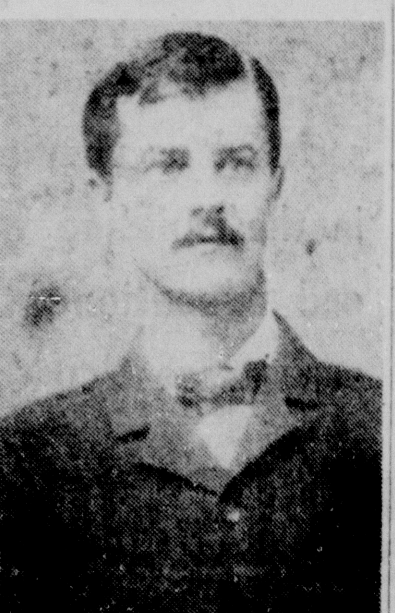


Mrs. Carrie McCormick

### Roll of Ministers

There have been 54 ministers to serve the First Methodist church of Harrisburg since its beginning in 1856. The present pastor, the Rev. W. L. Cummins, has now served the local church since June 1, 1948. His seven years of service gives him the record of having supplied the church as pastor longer than any of his predecessors. A complete list of the pastors and dates served follows:

B. R. Pierce—1856-59  
John Gilliam—1859-60  
T. N. Johnson—1860-61  
S. P. Groves—1861-62  
Wm. Bruner & G. Phillips—1862-63  
W. C. Huggins & S. R. Turner—1863-65  
L. A. Harper & S. R. Turner—1865-66  
L. Saulsbury & W. C. Roper—1866-67  
Braxton Parish—1867-68, Supply Pastor  
L. Sallsbury & Young—1868-69, Supply Pastor  
J. W. Cecil—1869-70  
B. A. P. Eaton—1870-71  
C. H. Farr—1871-72  
J. C. Green & G. W. Farmer—1872-73  
J. D. Reeder—1873-74  
W. A. Browder—1874-75  
R. H. Manier—1875-76  
J. H. Garrett—1876-77  
J. R. Reef—1877-79  
J. E. Rippetoe—1879-81  
G. M. Glick & J. W. Franklin—1881-82  
N. Crow—1882-83  
J. W. Morris—1883-84  
E. Barnes—1884-85  
R. D. Woodley—1885-87  
T. M. Prickett—1887-89  
J. W. Jackson—1889-91  
N. S. Stauffer—1891-93  
D. Orr—1893-1894  
J. W. McIntosh—1894-1896  
J. G. Bonnell—1896-1897  
C. W. Wynant—1897-99  
L. G. Cummins—1899-1900  
J. W. Jackson—1900-01  
A. S. Maxey—1901-04  
J. H. Jones—1904-07  
J. Douglas Shouse—1907-09 (to April 1909)  
C. E. Wood—1909-09 (April to September)  
Reshio Robertson—1909-12  
L. W. Thrall—1912-16  
C. B. Whiteside—1916-19  
M. H. Loar—1919-21 (to April 1921)  
H. W. Smoot—1921-1921 (April to September)  
John H. Davis—1921-23  
W. H. Whitlock—1923-26  
A. R. Ransom—1926-27  
O. E. Connett—1927-33  
Earl U. Yates—1933-35  
L. A. Magill—1935-38  
Roy N. Kean—1938-40  
C. C. Hall—1940-43  
Earl C. Phillips—1943-46  
N. C. Henderson—1946-48 (To June 1, 1948)  
W. L. Cummins—1948—



John W. Coker

### Special Programs Marked Early Sunday School

Movement to  
Departmental Work  
Was Started in 1903

By Mrs. C. E. Combe

Some of the longtime members and workers of the local Methodist church have recalled the following concerning the Sunday school in the early years of this century and the last two decades of the past one.

The ministers or their wives were usually teachers of the adult classes, although the public school teachers, business and professional men were diligent students of the Bible and conducted family devotions in the home as well as grace before meals. Families attended en masse.

The International Sunday school lessons were used throughout except in the Primary class. There a large picture chart of the world's finest religious paintings with a scripture text at the bottom was used to illustrate the story that was the lesson. Each child was given a small replica to take home. These were prized possessions for many years.

Easter, Christmas and Children's Day in June were occasions for special exercises with programs of recitations and music. On Christmas eve there was a huge Christmas tree with candles, homemade decorations—often strings of cranberries and popcorn—and presents for the very young. This was indeed a gala occasion.

Mrs. Mollie Willford and her daughter, Pearl, both talented musicians, gave unlimited time to training the young people and welcomed children from other churches. The musical scripts were called cantatas. In the early 1900's when funds for a new church were being raised, these cantatas were given in the "Opera House" on the north side of the public square and brought in substantial sums.

With more space available in the new church in 1903, there was a steady movement toward departmental work, primary, adult with the intermediate between using graded literature.

From the early days there has been a spirit of cooperation among the churches of Harrisburg. In the "nineties" a committee from the various churches was appointed to organize and conduct Sunday schools outside of Harrisburg. Several permanent organizations grew out of these efforts.

Newcomers to Harrisburg were contacted and urged to attend the Sunday school of their choice. So the schools grew in attendance and influence and Harrisburg could be called a city of churches and Sunday schools.

A series of evangelistic services was climaxed in 1914 by the Burke and Hobbs revival. Sunday schools overflowed the church buildings. The Baptist built the north wing known as the Sunday school room, the Methodist built the DeMoss tabernacle and had a large tent for the Busy Men's Bible class and the Busy Women's class. The attendance of the former was well over 250 and the latter 150.

In June 1916, a parade was held and the Methodist mustered a huge crowd estimated at 1500.

Some of the early teachers were Mrs. Fannie Hibbets, Mrs. G. W. (Hattie) Mitchell, Mrs. M. S. Whitley, Mrs. J. W. Renfro, Mrs. Fanny Gaskins, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harper, Misses Jessie and Ruth Richardson, Miss Ida Cannon, Mr. E. C. Smythe, Mrs. Sarah C. Bellah. Others recall the services of Rebecca Collier, Dolly Mallonae, Addie Rice, Isadore McKenzie, Harry Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Taylor, Portia Parish, E. M. Morris, Ida Guard, Mattie Halleck, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hine.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Barter, Mrs. C. M. Jones, J. C. Thompson, Elsie Gregg, Josie Brown, Mollie Gaskins, Myrtle and Grace Coker, Mildred Parish, Ethel Thompson, Madge Thompson, Letha Jett, Ruth Campbell, Ralph Horning, Charles Guard, Addie Rice, Lena Wilgus, Ruth and Leah Hine, Carrie Little, Ina and Blanch Robertson and many others.

### First Ministers

#### Mostly Itinerants

The early ministers of the Methodist church in Southern Illinois were mostly itinerants. In 1812, this part of the territory was embraced in a district extending from near Cairo on the Ohio and Wabash rivers to Mt. Carmel, Mich. and above, including several churches in Indiana, with Peter Cartwright as presiding Elder.

### EARLY PASTOR, WIFE PICTURED ON PAMPHLET

Rev. and Mrs. Reshio Robertson were pictured on a Veterans of the Cross Day pamphlet distributed throughout Illinois Methodist some eight years ago. Rev. Robertson served as pastor of the Harrisburg church from 1909 to 1912. Some members of the local congregation still have copies of these pamphlets, which were a plea for the retired ministers' funds.

### These Buildings Once Served Methodists



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH building erected in Harrisburg was situated on South Vine street, about where the Exide garage office is now located. This building was constructed in the early 1870's. Picture above was taken from what is now the B. W. Rude used car sales lot, looking northward. The building on the corner is the first school in Harrisburg. The Methodist church, with steeple prominent showing, is next. The tower of the old city hall (now the Harrisburg Printers building) can be seen still farther in the background. Note the old fashion street light in the foreground.



NEARLY ALL HARRISBURG CITIZENS can recall this Methodist church building, constructed on West Poplar street in 1902-03. It was torn down just a year ago to make way for the new structure. Several local residents remember when it was built, and all Methodists revered it as a sanctuary which held many memories of more than fifty years. This photograph was taken by George Davenport.

### WESLEY CENTER of

bygone days. Once the residential property of the W. H. Parishes, this building was purchased by Methodists in 1923, and with alterations, was used by the church membership and the community until last year when razed to make way for the new church, Wesley Center lives again, however, for the Methodists have voted to call their new education building by that name.

### Mrs. Mary Lenhart, 90, Tells of Attending Early Meetings Here

Mrs. Mary Lenhart, who is 90 years old and presently a resident of 2391 Mann Road, Pontiac, Michigan, wrote The Daily Register following the publication of their request for pictures and other data concerning Harrisburg Methodism.

Mrs. Lenhart sent a picture of the Rev. A. S. Maxey family, but unfortunately, it could not be reproduced. Mrs. Lenhart was a member of the Carrier Mills Methodist church but says in her letter that she attended the Harrisburg church some.

She writes, concerning those days:

"I was at the old church, while

### 1940 Memorial Booklet

In 1940, a memorial service, recently dedicated to all deceased members of the church, was conducted by the pastor, Roy N. Kean. At that time a mimeographed booklet listing the names of all the deceased members of the church, beginning in 1879 with F. D. Taylor and concluding in 1940 with Donald Eversbach, were listed. A good project for some present group in the church would be bringing this up to date and republishing a memorial list.

Dr. Renfro lived, for a Quarterly meeting, and with a friend to prayer meeting. Mrs. Aaron Guard took me to the other church when it was new to district conference in 1904.

We are indeed grateful to Mrs. Lenhart for her interest.

### Early Issue Tells of Building Programs

The Feb. 6, 1903 issue of the Harrisburg Chronicle carried a news note concerning the church building then in progress. It read, "Work on the new M. E. church house is at a stand still for the want of stone, which the contractor is unable to furnish promptly. Every branch of the building industry appears to be overrun with orders."

The newspaper was brought in by Mrs. Robert Moore, 828 Sloan Street.

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### Rev. Pierce was First Pastor; Circuit Included All of Saline County

Ground Where  
Church Located  
Deeded in 1899

By George Davenport

The First Methodist Church of Harrisburg, Illinois, was organized in the autumn of 1856 under the pastorate of Rev. B. R. Pierce. Rev. Pierce was in charge of the Raleigh Circuit from September, 1855 to September, 1857. At this time the Circuit included the whole of Saline County.

During the first year of the Harrisburg Church, the services were held in a store building erected by Jarvis Pierce and was located on the southwest corner of the public square, now owned by Thomas W. Davenport and occupied by the Jackson Drug Store.

The second year, and for several years thereafter, the congregation worshipped in the school house at the corner of South Vine and East Church Street until the first Court House was completed in 1860, then the services and Sunday school was held in the Court House.

The first property owned by the First Methodist Church was purchased from Green B. Raum and Maria Raum, his wife. The deed given by them was dated August 5, 1871. The deed was made to John Cain, Seth Roper, Elias Weaver and John Martin, trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Harrisburg Circuit, in the Southern Illinois Conference. Description of the lot is as follows: Lot Number Two (2) in Block Number Sixteen (16) of the Original Plat of the Town of Harrisburg, Saline County, Illinois. The deed recites that the property shall be used, kept, maintained and disposed for a parsonage and for the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This deed is recorded in Record Book "S" on page 625 of Saline County.

From the best information I can find, this property was purchased under the pastorate of B. A. P. Eaton and a church building erected. The record shows that the church was dedicated in August, 1871, by G. W. Hughey. This property was used as the home of the church for about thirty-one years when the property was sold to William C. Thompson, of Chicago, Illinois, as a site for the water tower to furnish water to

the city. This deed was signed by R. N. Pearce, T. R. McCormick, B. P. Weaver, J. W. Coker, and C. S. Wills, trustees of the church at that time. This deed was dated November 4, 1903, and recorded in record book 54 on page 253. Consideration of this deed was \$1,300.00.

On March 11, 1899, William H. Parish, Sr., and Mary A. Parish, his wife, deeded the following described real estate: Lots One (1) and Two (2) and Twenty-five (25) feet off the East side of Lot Three (3) in Block Seventeen (17) in Mitchell and Baker's Division of the Railroad Addition to the Town (now city) of Harrisburg, to W. C. Clark, John W. Coker and W. H. Harper, as trustees of the First Methodist Church, consideration \$1,000.00, with notation that \$300.00 of this amount would be donated by the grantors. This property is where the First Methodist Church and parsonage stood on May 1st, 1951.

This property was purchased during the pastorate of Rev. C. W. Wynant, but nothing much was done except getting plans for a church building; however, in 1901, after A. S. Maxey was appointed pastor, he got busy and with the help of the entire church raised enough funds to build the church.

J. B. Ford and Robert King were given the contract to build the church and on December 15, 1902, the Masonic Grand Lodge of Illinois laid the cornerstone. George M. Moulton was the Grand Master and had charge of the ceremony. Thomas D. Gregg, a member of this church, was a member of the Grand Lodge in the ceremonies. The church was dedicated Sunday, November 15, 1903 and Rev. Maxey reported the total cost of the building to be \$12,000.72.

The trustees of the church at the time of dedication were J. W. Coker, C. S. Wills, B. P. Weaver, R. N. Pearce, and T. R. McCormick. The records show the membership to be 275 and that Rev. Maxey was the first minister to be appointed three years in succession.

Wm. Baker furnished the labor for wiring and putting up light fixtures free and also gave a pulpit light fixture. W. S. Miller and Elsie Hutchinson furnished the trees and shrubbery for landscaping free of charge, and John H. Coker furnished the posts for hitch-water tower to furnish water to

for, The First Methodist Church of Harrisburg, Illinois, an unincorporated association, and their successors as such Trustees. The description of the property is as follows: Lot Number Two (2) in Block Number One (1) in William H. Parishes Addition to the Town, now City, of Harrisburg, Saline County, Illinois, except Five feet off the East end of said Lot herebefore conveyed to said City of Harrisburg for the purpose of widening Granger Street in said City, and with the further exception and reservation to Grantors of the permanent right to use a strip of ground Four feet wide off the North side of said Lot starting at the East end of said Lot and extending West Seventy-five feet for and as now used as part of a driveway beginning on Granger Street and extending westward said distance of Seventy-five feet. Said Deed is recorded in Book 314 on page 406, Saline County.

While this property was purchased September 30th, 1950, it was agreed that Dr. Lehman was to have possession until his new home was completed, which he was building about three miles West of Harrisburg on Illinois Highway Route 13. Possession was given to the church the early part of the year 1951 and began the church property just west of the Sunday school room, was sold to Charles Kurto for \$290.00 with the understanding it was to be removed as soon as convenient.

All of the legal work, such as preparing the deed and rendering an opinion on abstract of title was done by Attorney Chas. E. Combe without cost to the church.

The first parsonage was built on South Vine Street in 1873 near the church, under the pastorate of J. D. Reeder and was used as such until the church property was sold in 1902 for a water tower.

The second parsonage was built in 1902 under the pastorate of A. S. Maxey on the church property bought from William H. Parish, Sr. and Mary A. Parish on West Poplar Street. It was built just west of what was known as the Sunday school room, which was about midway north and south on church property, and it was used as a parsonage until the last of May, 1951.

### Wesley Center Purchased in 1923

Wesley Center was purchased from Carrie Parish Cozart (a daughter of William H. Parish, Sr. and Mary A. Parish) on December 10th, 1923, for a consideration of \$18,000.00. The deed recites the following: Conveys and Quit-Claims to H. A. Murphy, G. H. Davenport, Geo. W. Morris, G. H. Dorris, Chas. V. Parker, T. R. McCormick, J. W. Coker, G. F. Huffman, and Thos. D. Gregg, trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of the City of Harrisburg, Illinois, and their successors in office, in trust for the use of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, subject to the doctrines, law, usages, and ministerial appointments of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as from time to time established and declared, by the lawful authority of the said Church; and if the said property shall be sold or encumbered, the proceeds of the sale or encumbrance shall be applied to the use aforesaid; subject, however, to the provisions of the law of the Church relating to abandoned Church property; and of that forbidding the mortgaging of real estate for current expenses.

Description of the property is as follows: The West Eighteen (18) feet of Lot Three (3), Lot Four (4) and Lot Five (5), all in Block Seventeen (17) in Mitchell and Baker's Division of the Railroad Addition to the Town (now City) of Harrisburg, Illinois, it being the intention of the grantor by this quit-claim deed, to convey to the grantees all her right, title and interest in and to said Block Seventeen (17) not heretofore conveyed by the grantor or her predecessors in title to the Trustees of said First Methodist Episcopal Church so that all of said Block Seventeen (17) shall be conveyed to said Trustees. Said deed being recorded in Book 203 of Quit-Claim Deeds on page 52, Saline County.

This property was purchased under the ministry of W. H. Whitlock.

The next parsonage of the First Methodist Church, located at 105 N. Granger Street, Harrisburg, Illinois, was purchased from Dr. D. A. Lehman and Hazel L. Lehman on September 30th, 1950 at a cost of \$20,000, less a donation of \$2,000.00 given by the Lehmans. The Warranty Deed recites the following: Conveys and Warrants to T. D. Gregg, O. E. Barter, E. L. Norman, C. H. Thompson, Geo. O. Davenport, A. L. Smith, Frank P. Parker, D. A. Lehman, and Dean Hill as Trustees of, and in trust for, the First Methodist Church of May, 1951, but as the new Con-



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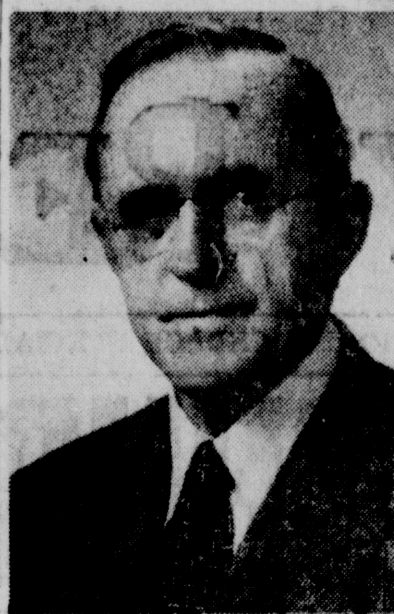
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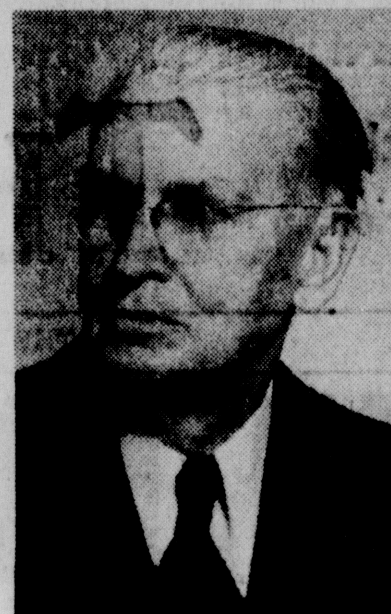
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Pastor 1927-33



Rev. Earl U. Yates  
Pastor 1933-35



Rev. L. A. Magill  
Pastor 1935-38



Rev. N. C. Henderson  
Pastor 1946-48

## Seven Former Pastors Send Greetings For Successful Completion of Church

Seven former ministers of First Methodist are still living, two of whom will be taking part in the services here Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day. Their pictures are elsewhere in this issue. Pictures of the other five appear on this page. All seven have graciously responded to a request to write a brief word of greeting to the membership. We are indebted to Mrs. C. E. Combe for contacting these men and preparing the copy.

861 13th Street N.  
St. Petersburg 2, Fla.

Dear Friends:

I have read with keen interest the booklet, "So... We Build," and in passing through Harrisburg some months ago, I could have said truly, with surprise and delight: "So, I see," as I looked upon the new building nearing completion.

It awakened in me pleasant memories. B. R. Pierce, who during the second year of his ministry in the conference, organized the Methodist church in Harrisburg, was, in the early years of my ministry, one of the honored "Fathers" of the conference.

A. S. Maxey, who was pastor of the church when the building recently razed was erected, was a member of my class for admission into the conference in 1895. Betty Peterson, who became the wife of W. H. Whitlock, pastor when Wesley Center was purchased, was a capable and faithful worker in one of the churches in my first charge.

These and others "laid the foundation," those of this generation have built thereon and worthily so. I know of but one church in the conference which equals this

modern building with facilities which are equal to the needs of this growing church.

I am sorry that circumstances will not permit my being present for the consecration, but I shall surely be present in spirit. May Heaven's richest blessings be upon you.

(Signed)  
C. B. Whiteside

802 Rider  
Flora, Illinois

Dear Pastor and Friends:

As a former pastor of the Harrisburg Methodist church, it gives me a great pleasure to send greetings to the congregation and the pastor, Rev. W. L. Cummins, on the completion of your new House of Worship.

I served as pastor of the church from 1927 to 1933. During the depression period it seemed hard to carry on with (at that time) quite a heavy indebtedness. But with the loyalty of the congregation, and the help of God, the years went slowly by, and in the closing year, God gave us a victory in a revival which carried on for 39 days, with 265 professions of faith, and 160 additions to the church.

This strengthened the church in a great way, and renewed its courage which has been demonstrated through the years. And, as a result, you have your new church. We rejoice with the congregation in its achievement, and pray for a continued success in carrying on for God and humanity.

(Signed)  
O. E. Connitt.

First Methodist Church  
1205 Maple Street  
Lawrenceville, Illinois

Dear Pastor and  
Fellow Methodists:

On the occasion of the consecration of your new church, I want to send you this brief message of congratulations on the excellent plans and splendid work you have accomplished in erecting this beautiful church and education building.

We are proud of you and we are sure God is highly pleased with such an outstanding piece of work so well done.

We pray that this special week of services and Consecration Day may indeed be a red-letter day in Harrisburg. May God continue to bless you in your efforts to serve Him.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed)  
Earl U. Yates

The Old Folks Home  
Southern Illinois Conference  
Methodist Church  
16th and Cedar Streets  
Lawrenceville, Illinois

Our congratulations to the Methodist church on completion of its new building. Mrs. Magill and I came to the church there in the fall of 1935. We had three eventful years which are very pleasant memories to us.

We will never forget the weeks of the flood in the Spring of 1937. More than 40 people were housed on the church property, and no services were held part time, except over WEPQ. Too, we still marvel at the splendid service rendered by our women of the church when they served meals to 200 men twice a day for five weeks. The supplies were furnished by the Red Cross. There were about 140 families of the church who had to leave their homes. There were many heartaches for pastor and people, but a real demonstration of Christianity in action.

The church will long remember the service rendered by Miss Vesta Roberson, deaconess, who was with the church until the fall of 1938. We finished our active ministry in the small but strong church at Louisville and retired in 1950. Since then we have lived in Lawrenceville. Since January our part-time work has been as Chaplain at the Old Folks Home.

(Signed)  
Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Magill

511 South University  
Carbondale, Illinois

Dear Fellow Christians:  
I am happy to join some former pastors of the First Methodist church, Harrisburg, in extending hearty greetings to the Rev. W. L. Cummins, present pastor, and all the members and friends of that militant organization, on the completion of this wonderful new sanctuary and education building. And, to wish for them a glorious future of service to Almighty God for Harrisburg and the community as a whole.

My relation to this church started in 1921 when I was assigned as the district superintendent of the Mt. Carmel district. This church was included in that group at that time.

In 1940 I was retiring from the superintendency of the Centralia district. The conference session was being held in Harrisburg with

Bishop Waldorf presiding. It was his desire that I become the new pastor of the Harrisburg church. I felt that having once been the district superintendent and now so near the time for retirement, because of age, that the Pastoral Relations committee would probably have a younger man in mind. And it is usually expected these older men are "windy and very dry," and I found out later that that was their idea. None the less, the Bishop seemed to outlast the committee and I was appointed pastor, the Rev. R. N. Kean, who was pastor at that time, being appointed district superintendent to succeed me.

My three years, 1940 to 1943, that I was privileged to serve is well known by my friends in Harrisburg, and I need only to say some of my very best friends on earth are there.

When my three years came to an end, the official board voted that I be made "pastor emeritus" and this honor I still hold and appreciate very highly.

In extending greetings to all my friends, I am joined heartily by Mrs. Hall, who recalls that she was voted the "sweetheart" of the church, an honor that she feels is a compliment. Both of us forever will hold in high esteem all our friends in Harrisburg.

(Signed)  
C. C. Hall.

Board of Public Relations  
Southern Illinois Conference  
Salem, Illinois

Dear Friends:

It gives me great joy to congratulate the members and friends of the First Methodist Church of Harrisburg on their new church building. For stability, utility and beauty, this is one of the finest church buildings I have seen anywhere.

During my happy pastorate of this fine church some of us were dreaming of a new church building in the future. This building, I am sure, surpasses our fondest dreams.

(Signed)  
Earl C. Phillips,  
Editor, Conference Newspaper,  
"The Southern Illinois  
Methodist"

The Old Folks Home  
Southern Illinois Conference  
Methodist Church

16th and Cedar Streets  
Lawrenceville, Illinois

We were assigned to the First Methodist church, Harrisburg, Sept. 29, 1946, and the wife and I

moved into the parsonage about the middle of October.

In looking over the record, we find that since 1916, when Rev. Charles B. Whiteside was assigned to the church, there have been 14 ministers. There is an unusual record! Six of the fourteen pastors became district superintendents, most of them going onto the district when they left the church. Three more of the number came off the district to become your pastor. We were glad to have served as your pastor and enjoyed our stay and work with you.

This church was talking of a new building when we were there. A new organ was installed. The two years we served the loyal people there were only excelled in giving by four churches of the conference. Every department of the church was very active as the members tried to carry forward the entire program of the church. There was a larger membership in the Women's society than any other church in the conference. Only love and sacrifice have en-

abled the people of your city to build such a beautiful edifice for worship and Christian fellowship. Mrs. Henderson and I congratulate you, and may the Heavenly Father bless abundantly your efforts in building the Kingdom.

(Signed)

Rev. and Mrs. N. C. Henderson

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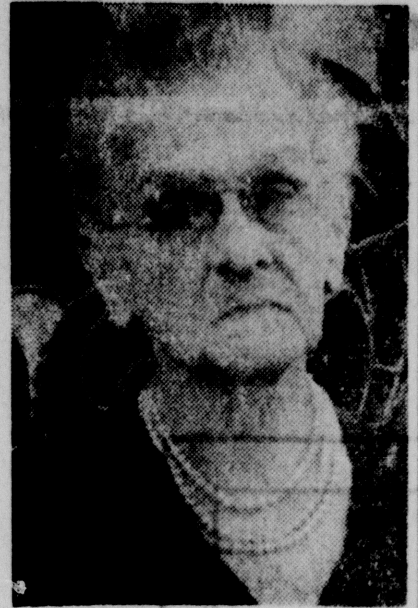
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Mrs. Mollie Williford

One of the most active, earnest and beloved workers of First Methodist at the turn of the century and for many years afterwards was Mrs. Mollie Williford. She died Nov. 14, 1948, just 25 days short of her 94th birthday.

Probably her most remembered work was the some 15 years devoted to the Junior League, an organization which flourished at the beginning of this century. It was this group, under her direction, that raised funds for the stained glass window placed in the south section of the former Poplar street church, a portion of which is now used in the present sanctuary.

Mrs. Williford was also active in women's work and served as president of the Ladies Aid for 12 years.

Mrs. P. W. Sherman and John Williford are surviving children of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Williford.

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## Women Have Played Important Roles in Church Activities Since Earliest Days

From the earliest days of the church, the women have played an important role in its support. Besides giving their time and talents to its spiritual development, the women have aided in practical affairs, especially finance.

The Ladies Aid society was rightly named, but it must be admitted the husbands and sons were able assistants. Wednesday has been the traditional midweek day in Harrisburg set aside for church work, both spiritual and social.

In those long ago days, a once-a-month social with refreshments, when each contributed her "mite" however small, was a gala event. These small contributions totaled a tidy sum at year's end.

The women served for bazaars and served dinners under what today would seem primitive conditions. At the turn of the century a new church building spurred them to higher efforts. They sought help throughout the town and countryside for thanksgiving, when both dinner and supper was served on the third floor of the Masonic temple, then located on the north end of the West Side of the Public Square.

As the building was without running water, all food and fuel was carried up (and down) two long flights of stairs. Here the children were of material assistance. The financial success was so encouraging that the performances were repeated.

At this time Mrs. Mollie Williford was president of the Aid. A really talented leader, her prayers and talks were quite persuasive, and as a music teacher she developed unsuspected talent in both young and old. She served as president of the Aid for 12 years.

The Ladies Aid paid for the stained glass window on the West side of the old Poplar street church, generously giving recognition to the Foreign and Home missionaries as yet unorganized in Harrisburg.

Another outstanding woman to head the Aid was Mrs. Taylor Ferguson, who was president of the organization when the old Wesley Center mortgage was burned.

Some names of other able and willing workers are Mrs. Mattie Mitchell, Mrs. Fannie Gaskins, Mrs. Addie Rice, Mrs. Etta Taylor, Mrs. Fannie Somers, Mrs. Eva Riegel, Mrs. Carrie McCormick, Mrs. Alice Whitley, Mrs. Addie Coker, Mrs. Isadore McKenzie, Mrs. Sada Rude, Mrs. Minnie Harper, Mrs. Elsie Gregg, Mrs. Emma Thompson, Mrs. Mollie Gaskins, Mrs. Nella Gaskins, Mrs. Mattie Gaskins, Mrs. George McKittrick, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. George Huffman, Mrs. Gertrude Hetherington, Mrs. Portia Parish, Mrs. Josie Brown, Mrs. Carrie Wheeler, Mrs. Mae Thomas, Mrs. Grace Baker, Mrs. Kate Thomas and many, many others.

Shortly after moving into the church on Poplar street, the women brought the renowned Carrie Nation—the ardent prohibitionist—to lecture. She drew an immense crowd and proved a financial success for the sponsors. Incidentally, for her own profit, she sold miniature hatchets, several of which are collectors items in Harrisburg today.

Annual Conference  
Held Here in 1929

The 78th annual conference was conducted in Harrisburg's First Methodist church from Sept. 25 to 29, 1929. Mr. O. E. Barter has retained a program from that session down through the years.

Ernest G. Richardson, D.D., was the presiding bishop of the area at that time. Charles L. Peterson, D.D., was district superintendent, and Orville Emerson Connett, D.D., was pastor.

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 24, 1929, the Harrisburg Choral club gave a musical programme. Mayor W. T. Hawkins gave a welcome from the city during the Wednesday morning session and Dr. I. E. Lee, a welcome from the churches.

The Rev. C. C. Hall presided over the Wednesday evening session. The church choir sang at the Thursday evening program.

Others who have lived in Harrisburg at some time and who are mentioned on the program are C. B. Whiteside, superintendent of the Centralia district; W. H. Whitlock, superintendent of the East St. Louis district, and the Rev. A. R. Ransom.



C. R. Hine

One of the outstanding men to serve the Harrisburg Methodist church over a long period of time was C. R. Hine. Shortly after moving his family to this community in 1903, he became teacher of the Busy Men's Bible class.

During his years as teacher, the class reached its pinnacle of success. Mr. Hine served until his death in 1937, compiling a record of almost 40 years continuous service. Prior to coming to Harrisburg, he had taught Sunday School classes in Elizabethtown and Equality churches.

## Men's Bible Class Organized First in 1904

C. R. Hine Was  
Teacher of  
Group Many Years

A Men's Bible Class has been active in the Methodist church for more than half a century. It was organized in 1904, first meeting in the southwest corner of the then new church which was known as the Ladies' Parlor.

When an organ was installed about 1911, it caused the men to move their class meeting place to the main auditorium. Still later, they held session in the gallery over the Epworth League room.

The famed Burk-Hobbs revival, held in the large interdenominational tabernacle on South Vine Street, approximately where the Register Publishing building is now located, was held around 1914 and drew great crowds. Many in the community were converted and joined the churches of their choice.

As an outgrowth of these meetings and from the enthusiasm generated with the increased membership of the Methodist Men's Class, a tabernacle was also built to the north of the church building.

Construction of such a place for the men to meet was suggested by a Mr. DeMoss, then a member of the class. And, after the completion of the wooden frame structure, it was named the DeMoss Tabernacle. The building was approximately 30x50, with the platform at the east end. The only doorway into the building was located at the southwest corner. The tabernacle had a sawdust floor.

The Men's class moved its meeting place into the building late in 1914, and during the decade which followed, the group enjoyed its greatest membership and activity. Under the leadership of C. R. Hine, teacher, the class accomplished many things.

It is recalled that the group made visits to other churches of the county and put on special programs. The men organized an orchestra, under the direction of a Mr. McClure. The group was composed entirely of men, save for the organist, Mary Richardson, and her substitute, Ina Jenkins (Melven).

A picture of the Men's group was taken on March 21, 1915, by J. T. Clarke, and a framed picture of this assembled body, numbering 253, is now in the possession of Otis Youngs and on display at Ebb's shoe store. Mr. Clarke used a "sweep" camera in taking the picture which enabled him to get into the picture twice—once at each side of the group. The picture was given to Mr. Youngs recently by Charlie Dewey.

In 1925, the Howard S. Williams revival was held on the church grounds in a large tent and the men's group had another large group picture made at that time. Mrs. Lloyd L. Parker, daughter of the late Mr. Hine, retains a print of this gathering.

The Men's group maintained their quarters in the DeMoss Tabernacle until it burned in 1925, then moved to the Orpheum theatre building. Following the acquisition of the Parish property, the men used the front room of what became known later as Wesley Center.

Later, they moved to the north room of the church and then still more recently to the kitchen of

Harrisburg Church  
Host to Its Last  
Conference in 1940

Harrisburg Methodists were last hosts to the Southern Illinois conference in September 1940. The late Rev. Roy N. Kean was then pastor of the local church.

This conference commenced on Tuesday, Sept. 24 and concluded on the following Sunday, Sept. 29. Bishop Ernest Lynn Waldorf was the conference president. It was the 89th session of the ME churches or the second session of Southern Illinois conference of the Methodist church.

Numerous persons who are now active in the church remember this conference and several individuals and organizations of the church were extremely active in the preparations for and conduct of the conference that year.

The Daily Register of Monday, Sept. 23, carried a full page relative to the conference and its workers.

## Bishop Brashares, Elected in 1944, Is World Traveler

Charles Wesley Brashares was elected a bishop of the Methodist church in 1944, after serving a number of distinguished pastorates in Massachusetts, Maine, Ohio, and Michigan. He was pastor of Grace Church, Dayton, Ohio, from 1922 to 1934.

In the latter year he was appointed minister of First Methodist Church, Ann Arbor, Mich., and director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Michigan. There, for 10 years, as he puts the matter, he "preached the ancient gospel in modern times to thousands of students from all over the earth."

The bishop is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan university, Delaware, Ohio, and of the Boston University School of Theology. He did graduate work at Harvard and Boston universities. He holds honorary degrees from six universities and colleges.

Dr. Brashares has been a world traveler, having once taken a trip around the world by airplane. He has lectured on his experiences abroad both as a minister and upon later occasions, when he was sent as a bishop to study the work of the Methodist church in other lands.

After his election as bishop he was assigned to the Des Moines, Iowa, area where he served from 1944 to 1952, the year of his assignment to the Chicago area.

During 1954-55, Bishop Brashares is president of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist church. He is a member of various national Methodist boards, a delegate to the second assembly of the World Council of Churches, and chairman of the Methodist Co-ordinating Council. This latter organization is empowered to study the harmonizing of the work of boards and other agencies in the denomination and to present to the Methodist General Conference in 1956 a new quadrennial program for the work of the church.

His position and personal capacity have caused Bishop Brashares to be a member of the boards of trustees or directors of 10 Methodist institutions in Illinois, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Bishop Brashares is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, of Delta Sigma Rho, of the Masonic lodge, and of the Kiwanis club.

the old Wesley Center building. When this structure was razed last year, the Men's class returned to the Orpheum theatre.

C. R. Hine, a Sunday school teacher for more than 50 years of his life, taught the Men's class for 40 years. He was a Sunday school teacher at Elizabethtown for 10 years before coming to Harrisburg.

Following Mr. Hine, John H. Coker served as teacher. Jacob W. Meyers and Robert Melven have also given of their time and talents to teach the class.



THIS BEAUTIFUL WINDOW, once in the South wall of the old Poplar street church, was made possible through the donations of 108 children, then members of the Junior League. The drive was headed by Mrs. Mollie Williford, superintendent of the League. Each child's donation was a dollar, and for this his or her name was placed in the stained glass. When the old structure was razed a year ago, the window was saved, and the center section, depicting Christ with the children, was removed. Today, this part forms a lovely lighted window at the altar of the new sanctuary. (Register Staff Photo)

100th Anniversary  
Of Local Church  
Will Be Held in 1956

The First Methodist church, Harrisburg, will observe its 100th anniversary in 1956.

The first church in Harrisburg was the First Methodist church, established in the autumn of 1856 under the pastorate of the Reverend B. R. Pierce.

Already, the history committee

of the present church, chairmaned by Mrs. Charles Combe, is making preparations for the centennial observance by compiling all the significant historical data of the past 100 years.

Other members of the History committee are Mrs. T. R. McCormick and Mrs. John R. Jackson.

This committee has requested that any present members, or descendants of former members, living in Harrisburg or elsewhere who have things of a historical nature concerning the past 100

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# Christian Faith in Action

Members of the Harrisburg First Methodist church, in combining their efforts to fulfill a cherished hope of many years, have demonstrated, beyond any doubt, that **CHRISTIAN FAITH . . . IN ACTION . . .** can perform wonders.

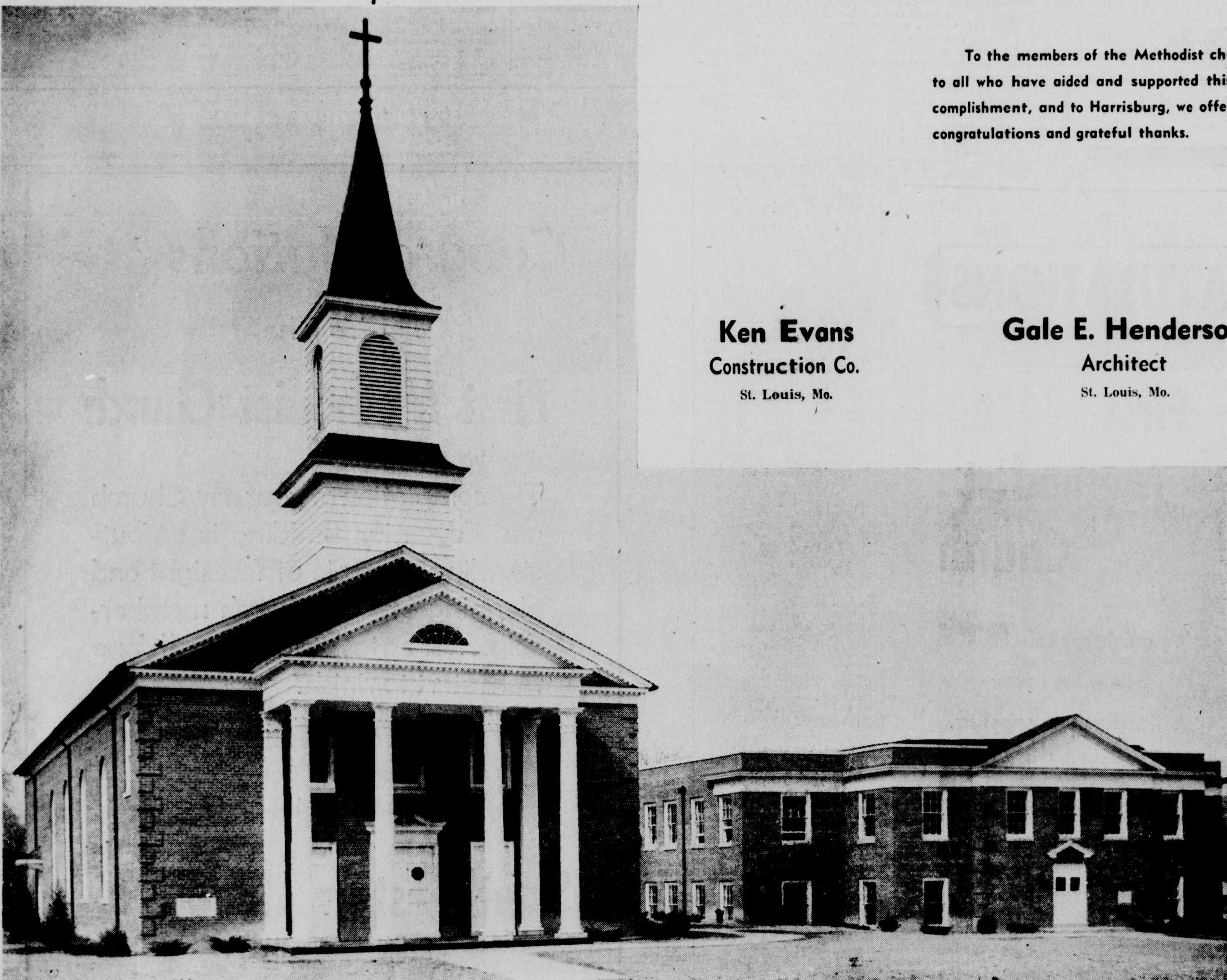
We have watched this congregation from the beginning, as they met their problems and tasks courageously and steadfast, and always with the assurance of a Christian's Faith in the outcome.

And, it is with a great amount of feeling and reverence, of pride and appreciation that we view our part in this tremendous and inspired project. Your co-operation has been supreme; the association with you was a genuine pleasure.

To the members of the Methodist church, to all who have aided and supported this accomplishment, and to Harrisburg, we offer our congratulations and grateful thanks.

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—I Corinthians 3:9